

May 13, 2012 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

***Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Madeline Johnson

PRELUDE

The Day of Resurrection
Wesley Ringers

arr. Patricia Cota

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The 2012 Confirmation Class

Leader: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

People: our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

Leader: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

People: we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

Leader: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

People: Young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched, lift the new, new songs of faith.

***HYMN NO. 68**

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Engleberg

***INVOCATION**

Holy and mysterious Lover of the world, let this day be a worthy celebration of our Lord's resurrection love. By the Easter good news, encourage us to put away our worries, and to discard our fears, that with minds open to your Spirit we may better love you and more adequately worship your holy name. Through Christ Jesus, our living brother and Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

EPISTLE READING

1 John 5:1-6

Page 293 (NT) in pew Bibles

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 15:9-17

Page 134 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER (Please see insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Beloved, God's Chosen
Chancel Choir with Rhonda McGinnis, flute

Robert Hobby

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow Lasst Erfreuen
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mary Alexander

As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary, they are invited to bring change to help in Heifer International. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following the message, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***HYMN NO. 617**

I Come With Joy

Dove of Peace

SERMON

"God Loved First"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Please see page two of insert)

***HYMN NO. 548**

In Christ There Is No East or West

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COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Go now, and bear fruit for God. fruit that will last.
As Christ has loved you, so love one another,
and abide always in God is love,
that your joy may be complete.

And may God give you all you ask for in Christ's name:
May Christ Jesus reveal to you God's ways and call you his friends:
And may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth within you and make your joy
complete.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
in the name of Christ. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 666**

Shalom to You

Shalom

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my
friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be
your shalom.**

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided

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Main Street Church welcomes **Steve Driskell** as guest organist today.

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of all Main Street mothers who have shared their Christian love and values with generations of Main Street children, and in loving memory of our mother, **Sarah Anne Milford Stuart** by Lynn, Laurie, and Libby.

The rosebud in the chancel area is given in honor of the birth of **Hudson David Smith**, infant son of *Brandon and Brittany Smith*, born on May 8, 2012. Proud grandparents are *Ronney and Joan Smith* and proud aunt is *Kristen Smith*.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other. Today we pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love that we may show them reverence and love.

(Silence)

Lord in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them,

(Silence)

Lord in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us,

(Silence)

Lord in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families,

(Silence)

Lord in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Invitation

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.

Christ invites to this table

all who profess the Christian faith,
who endeavor to be at peace with their neighbors,
and who seek the mercy of God.¹

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Holy God, for creating the world
and breathing into us the breath of life,

we offer you our thankful praise.

For redeeming us through Jesus Christ,
forgiving our sins and offering new life forever,

we offer you our thankful praise.

For strengthening us by your Holy Spirit
who lives within us, close as breath itself,

we offer you our thankful praise.

As the Holy Spirit strengthens your church,
may this, your blessed bread,
which is now broken, bring life to us.

**May we be living signs of the charity
we share with one another.**

May this, your holy cup,
poured out for all, be our salvation.

**We pray that we who drink from your cup
may be faithful signs of your love.²**

Your command to love one another, O Lord, we remember.

Your death, we commemorate.

Your resurrection, we confess.

Your final coming, we await.

Glory be to you, O Christ.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.³

¹ Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, eds., *Chalice Worship* (St. Louis, Mo.: Chalice Press, 1997), 407.

² *Ibid.*, 412-413.

³ *Ibid.*, 419 (adapted).

Send your Holy Spirit on us and these
 your gifts of bread and wine,
 that we may know Christ's presence,
 real and true, and be his faithful followers,
 showing your love for the world.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honor are yours,
 almighty Father, forever. Amen.⁴**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Pouring and Breaking and Serving

When we break the bread,
 it is a sharing in the body of Christ.
 When we bless the cup,
 it is a sharing in the blood of Christ.
 The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.⁵

Communion Servers: Emmie Burns and Elizabeth Gentry, Rhonda and Cecelia McGinnis, Mary Lynn and Jonathan Polk, Jill and Herin Warner.

The Prayer Following Communion

**Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given
 and for what you have promised us here.
 You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service.
 Now we give ourselves to you; and we ask that our daily living
 may be part of the life of your kingdom,
 and that our love may be your love
 reaching out into the life of the world;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.⁶**

⁴ John D. Witvliet and Emily Brink, eds., *The Worship Sourcebook*. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2004), 340.

⁵ Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, eds., *Chalice Worship* (St. Louis, Mo.: Chalice Press, 1997), 417.

⁶ Adapted from John D. Witvliet and Emily Brink, eds., *The Worship Sourcebook*. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2004), 313.

Music Notes

In the third chapter of Paul's epistle to the Colossians, we find these words:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Susan Cherwien has created a beautiful paraphrase of this scripture for today's anthem by Robert Hobby.

Beloved, God's Chosen

Robert Hobby

Beloved, God's chosen,
Put on as a garment
Compassion, forgiveness and goodness of heart.
Above all, before all,
Let love be your raiment
That binds into one every dissonant part.

Within, call forth Wisdom,
To dwell in you richly;
Let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.
And from the heart's chamber,
Beloved and holy,
Let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.

Beloved, God's chosen,
Put on as a garment
Compassion, forgiveness and goodness of heart.
Above all, before all,
Let love be your raiment
That binds into one every dissonant part.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT III

PROFESSION OF FAITH
HOLY BAPTISM
CONFIRMATION
RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 13, 2012

Minister: Terry C. Martin

CONFIRMANDS

Arthur Keaton Alexander
Benton Ruple Harley
Payton Wells Joseph
MaryAshlynn Perkey
Marisa Elida Rogers
Hampton Pierce Warner



INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

The Church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time, for the conduct of worship and the due administration of God's Word and Sacraments, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

I present *Payton Wells Joseph* for baptism.

I present *Keaton Alexander, Ben Harley, Payton Joseph, MaryAshlynn Perkey, Marisa Rogers, and Hampton Warner* for confirmation.

PRAYER FOR THE ONE TO BE BAPTIZED

For as much as all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, our Savior Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, one cannot enter the kingdom of God." Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, we call upon thee for this thy servant, that he, coming to the holy baptism, may receive remission of his sins and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Receive him, O Lord, as thou hast promised by the well-beloved Son, and grant that he may be faithful to thee all the days of his life, and finally come to the eternal kingdom which thou has promised; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The people respond:

Amen.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses those candidates for confirmation who have been previously baptized:

Do you in the presence of God and this congregation renew the solemn vow and promise made at your baptism?

I do.

The pastor addresses all candidates:

Do you truly and earnestly repent of your sins?

I do.

The pastor addresses all candidates and congregation:

Please join me as we affirm our faith using the creed written by the 2012 Confirmation class.

Even though there are many unanswered questions, we believe!

We believe that God is the father and creator of all things. He gives us grace no matter what we do in our life. He is all-knowing, loving, forgiving, and a helpful giver. He is always with us on the mountains, in the valleys, and the in-between.

We believe Jesus was born in a manger outside Bethlehem. Jesus is our teacher, healer, and friend. He is our example because he lived a perfect life. We believe we should imitate that example by loving, forgiving, and accepting everyone. He died on the cross for our sins to redeem us. He rose from the dead to give us hope.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who is always with us and lives within us as an everlasting fire. The Holy Spirit is the comforter and protector for all of us. We believe the Holy Spirit guides us and helps us make decisions.

We believe the church is the body of Christ made up of all people providing a safe haven and place of fellowship for all. WE BELIEVE WE ARE THE CHURCH!

Amen.

The pastor addresses all candidates:

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

Do you promise, according to the grace given to you, to keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of your life as faithful members of Christ's holy church?

I do.

All parents and mentors are invited to join each confirmand at the chancel rail.

BAPTISM

Pastor addresses candidate for baptism:

Do you desire to be baptized in this faith?

I do.

Payton Wells Joseph, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The people respond:

Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND CONFIRMATION

The Lord defend you with his heavenly grace and by his Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ.

The people respond:

Amen.

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor addresses confirmands:

Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Pastoral blessing:

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you, now and evermore.

The people respond:

Amen.