

**Seventh Sunday After Easter**

10:00 a.m. May 17, 2026

Entering God's Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and Ritual of Friendship

\*Hymn 664

**Morning Has Broken**

BUNESSAN

\*Expressing Our Joy

*Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.*

**People: We choose the living God.**

*Leader: The road is narrow that leads to life.*

**People: We will walk the way of Christ.**

*Leader: Faith is not about holding on.*

**People: Faith is about letting go.**

*Leader: We offer more than words, O God.*

**People: We offer you our lives.**

*Leader: May the Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)*

Introit *Concerto in A Minor - 1st Movement* (RV 356)

Antonio Vivaldi

Graham Parker, violin

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

**God of all forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear your promise amid our own self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life.**

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

\*Hymn 726

**Will You Come and Follow Me**

KELVINGROVE

Ruth 1:1-18 [selected verses] (RSV) [You will find the text on page 230 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem **The Church's One Foundation** (Hymn 321)

AURELIA

Matthew 12: 46-50 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 13 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

**The Family of Faith**

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

Confirmation

\*Affirming Our Faith and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

*Equal with God: **Jesus is Lord.*** (Progressively louder)

*Emptied himself: **Jesus is Lord.*** *God raised him up: **Jesus is Lord.***

*Came as a servant: **Jesus is Lord.*** *Gave him the name: **Jesus is Lord.***

*Found as a man: **Jesus is Lord.*** *Higher than all: **Jesus is Lord.***

*Humbly obeyed: **Jesus is Lord.*** *Every knee bow: **Jesus is Lord.***

*Went to his death: **Jesus is Lord.*** *All tongues confess: **'Jesus is Lord!'***

*Death on a cross: **Jesus is Lord.*** ***Amen! Alleluia!***

Ministry of Prayer [Text prayer requests to: (843) 437-4239]

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\*At the Presentation

**Doxology** (No. 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn 707

**Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord**

HALL

\*Benediction and Choral Benediction

**Till We Gather Again**

\*Going Out into the World

\*Those that are able, please stand.