

The Sixth Sunday after
Easter
May 25, 2025

Gathering Music
"God of Grace and God
of Glory" (VU # 686)

Welcome



Lighting the Christ Candle

With hope in our hearts at this and every promise of new life, we kindle the Christ light in the name of the One who is glorified! Amen.





Prelude

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Call to Worship

- Come, listen to stories of faith from long ago.
- We are ready to listen.
- Come, celebrate Christ with us in the here and now. We are ready to celebrate.
- Come, help create holy possibilities for the future.
- We are ready to create.
- Come, let us join generation upon generation in worshipping God.
- We are ready to worship.

Hymn VU # 577

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in'a my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in'a my soul.



- I've got joy like a fountain,
 I've got joy like a fountain,
 I've got joy like a fountain in'a my soul.
 I've got joy like a fountain,
 I've got joy like a fountain,
 I've got joy like a fountain in'a my soul.
- I've got love like an ocean,
 I've got love like an ocean in'a my soul.
 I've got love like an ocean,
 I've got love like an ocean,
 I've got love like an ocean,
 I've got love like an ocean in'a my soul.

Prayer of Confession

Generous God, you offer your love freely to us. You entrust your goodness to us. We receive these gifts from you yet, we do not always share this generosity with others. We practice limitations and judgment and hold tight to bitterness and falsehood. We ask for your healing. May you grant us the knowledge that your forgiveness and grace exist beyond these **wounded ways**. (silence for reflection)

Words of Assurance

Believe this good news deep within your hearts: God accepts and forgives you. This love has the power to free your spirit and bring you Peace.

Thanks be to God!

Time with the Young People by Derek

Children Song "Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuODF9Kbgnw



(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)

In a few years you will be 10 years old

10 times 10 is	100
10 times 100 is	1,000
10 times 1,000 is	10,000
10 times 10,000 is	100,000
10 times 100,000 is	1,000,000
10 times 1,000,000 is	10,000,000
10 times 10,000,000 is	100,000,000 years

that's a very, very, very long time ago when the dinosaurs lived.

The Scriptures read by Lynne Acts 16:9-15 **First Reading** During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. From Troas, we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of

We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

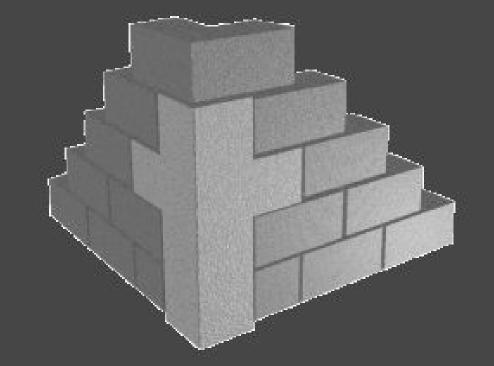
"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. We give thanks for inspiration.





Message by Rev. Yun-Hee





The Titanic

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice but thine can peace afford.

Refrain I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee.
O bless me now, my Saviour; I come to thee.

I need thee every hour; stay thou near by; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. *R*

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly and abide, or life is vain. **R**

Refrain I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee.
O bless me now, my Saviour; I come to thee.

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will; and thy rich promises in me fulfil. *R*

Prayers of the People

Loving Creator God, we give thanks for the good news of this season: that new life emerges from death; that hope overcomes despair; that love's hold on us is secure. Awaken this power of resurrection within us that we might see new possibilities for our living.

Faithful God, we open our lives to be bearers of good news wherever we may journey. May you grant us courage and integrity that our actions might match our words. Give us insight to make choices that reflect wise stewardship of all you place in our hands. Guide us to one another with compassion that we might share the surprising ways of your

Merciful God, we offer our concern for all those searching for good news: the lonely; the fearful; the despairing; those facing loss or tragedy; those dealing with sickness or injury; and those facing violence or disaster. May the power of your healing love be made known to all those in need of it.

Gracious God, be with every one of us. Give us strength for the tasks of each day and thankful hearts as we seek to live faithfully in this world that you love. Amen.



VU#960

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Offer Our Gifts Musical Offering VU # 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free, that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully



Offering Prayer

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you.

May these offerings provide a source for hope and love in this community and beyond. May you grant us hearts that know the importance of sharing and spirits ready to proclaim our gratitude. Amen.

Hymn VU # 175 "This Is the Day That God Has Made"

Refrain

This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

Christ has conquered death at last, left the tomb that held him fast!
Gone the sorrow, gone the night, dawns the morning clear and bright! *Refrain*

Jesus lives who once was dead, lives forever, as he said!
Risen now our Saviour, King; songs of gladness let us sing!

Refrain

This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

Blessing

Go forth into a world of changes holding God's message of peace.

We go forth in peace.

Go forth into a world of challenges holding God's message of hope.

We go forth in hope.

Go forth into a world of choices holding God's message of love.

We go forth in love. Amen.



Commissioning "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there within, around, above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen, amen, amen.



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Some people are human medicine. You spend an hour with them and everything feels better



