

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Romance” from *Suite for Flute and Piano*, Op. 34
Kathy Karr, flute; Samuel Libra, organ

Ch.-M. Widor

WELCOME

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

+*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth
Hymn can be found on pg. 6

DIX

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Nathan Sautter

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in unison)*

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness that we may be filled with your joy. Help us to love others as Christ has loved us, and bring us into the joy of living our lives as your friend. Teach us to abide in your love so that we may show that love to the world.

(Time for silent prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

THE WORD

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

Lorie Williamson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Samuel Asiedu

FIRST READING

Acts 10:44-48

MUSICAL MEDITATION

After the Storm

Linda Lamb

Austin Memorial Handbells; Kathy Karr, flute

SECOND READING

John 15:9-17

SERMON

"Life on the Line"

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from the Iona Community

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new. Who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

To Be Ordained and Installed as a Ruling Elder:

Sharon Clark

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
The Octet

arr. Stephen Barker

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, you heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

THE SENDING

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. David Cherwien

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r.
Crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

(Men) Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

(Choir) Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Allegro moderato” from *Sonata II*, BWV 1031

J.S. Bach

Kathy Karr, flute; Samuel Libra, organ

IN WORSHIP TODAY

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Reuther by her children, Rob and Betsy, and her grandson, Will.

USHERS: Connie Smith, Linda Watson, Emily Lawrence, John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION: The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Austin Memorial Handbells; Kathy Karr, flute; Samuel Libra, organ

Evan Vicic, Audio/Video Engineer; Nick Moloney, camera; Virginia Fortner, Visuals Editor

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

The family and friends of former Weekday School Director Beverly Fulkerson on her death, 4/25/2021.
The family of Martha Dupps on her death, 4/14/2021.
Madge and Jeff Roberts on the death of her husband/his father, Gorman Roberts, 4/11/2021.
Cheryl Cooper on the death of her daughter, Courtney Cooper, 4/3/2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of May 9, 2021

To **“Care for the Caregiver”** the Deacons will begin offering remote monthly Zoom meetings that will provide resources and education from guest speakers, and a safe space for support and assistance in finding solutions to a caregiver's most pressing needs. The Caregivers group will meet on the second Monday of the month in the late afternoon. The first meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 10. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact Beth (bethh@2ndpreslou.org or 895-3483) in the office.

Summer Hymn Sing - Don't forget to send in your requests for our Summer Hymn Sings, taking place throughout our worship services this Summer. Check STG for more info or email Virginia at vfortner@2ndpreslou.org

We now meet outside for our **9 a.m. Service** in the Chapel circle area. No reservations are needed for this service. If inclement weather will keep us from being outside, we will move into the Great Hall, and you will simply register your attendance upon entering Door 6. Please do bring your own lawn chair if we are outside. **Childcare is available** by registering ahead and our 11 a.m. In-person and Livestreamed Sanctuary service requires reservations as well - the link will come to you Monday or via the website.

May's Sunday School will be based on the Disney/Pixar movie, “Brave”. “Brave” tells the story of Princess Merida, a red-haired Scottish tomboy, and how she has the courage to go against tradition to choose a life of her own. This story speaks to the value of courage, communication, and family; three things that are important in life as well as faith. Craft bags will be available in their usual spot underneath the portico beginning Sunday, May 9th. Videos will be sent out each Sunday through the Children's newsletter, 2PK, and will be on the church's website the following week under the resource tab.

The May Mission of the Month is Habitat For Humanity - During the month of May, we will be collecting tools and equipment needed for Habitat. A full list of items needed can be found in Seconds to Go each week or in the May Second Thoughts Monthly Newsletter. Please drop off supplies under the portico (use any type of bag or box) any time Sunday or during office hours throughout the week.

West End School - There are 10 graduating 8th graders in need of graphing TI-84 calculators and other supplies to help them succeed as they head into high school. The calculators are \$100 each. The Second Pres WES Committee asks you to prayerfully consider helping to purchase calculators and related supplies during the month of May to assist our mission partner in this effort. To give, please visit the church website, under giving there is a tab to give specifically to the WES project.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor
Rev. Nathan Sautter, Associate Pastor for
Community Life
Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and Music
Ministries

Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School
Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant
Chelsea Beasley, Formation Assistant
Beth Haendiges, Community Life Assistant

Keith DeCosta, Sexton
Samuel Libra, DMA, Organist
Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs
Co-Coordinator
Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator

Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate
Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper
Virginia Fortner, Worship and Music Assistant
Rev. Samuel Oboamah Asiedu, Seminary Intern
Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.