

**Order of Worship:
May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

PRELUDE

Music by Judy Brist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING CHORUS

*Take, O take me as I am.
Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart,
and live in me.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed are those who take delight in God's law.

**All: They are like trees that yield fruit in season,
and whose leaves do not wither.**

One: Let us meditate on God's law both by day and by night.

All: May God number us with the righteous as we worship together.

One: Let us sing together our gathering hymn:

HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Verse 1

**All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Verse 2

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Verse 3

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, gives us the words we need to speak. Jesus Christ himself prays for us. We need not fear sharing our failings with the One who abides with us and in us. With the confidence of the children of God, let us confess our sin to God and before one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord, you tell us that if we love you, we will keep your commandments. You tell us that your new commandment is to love one another as you have loved us. We cannot possibly live up to this standard. We frequently neglect your teachings. We easily see others' faults and too often make excuses for our own. Send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to help us follow your instructions to feed the hungry, tend to the hurting and love our enemies. In your mercy forgive us yet again and free us to love God and neighbor more fully.

(Silent prayer)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is not far from us. God is closer than our own breath. We are not alone, not left to save ourselves. Jesus Christ came to save sinners. When we confess our sin and repent, the heavens rejoice and we can trust we are forgiven.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Judy Brist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May our faithful discipleship ease our troubled hearts and perpetuate the love of the One in whose name we pray, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to say when we pray...

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

SPECIAL MUSIC **by MELISMA** **"Do not be afraid"**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 66: 8-20

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.[a]

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 14:15 -21

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in [□] you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

SERMON **“What does the Holy Spirit Look Like?”**

Rev. Ken Ribe

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION