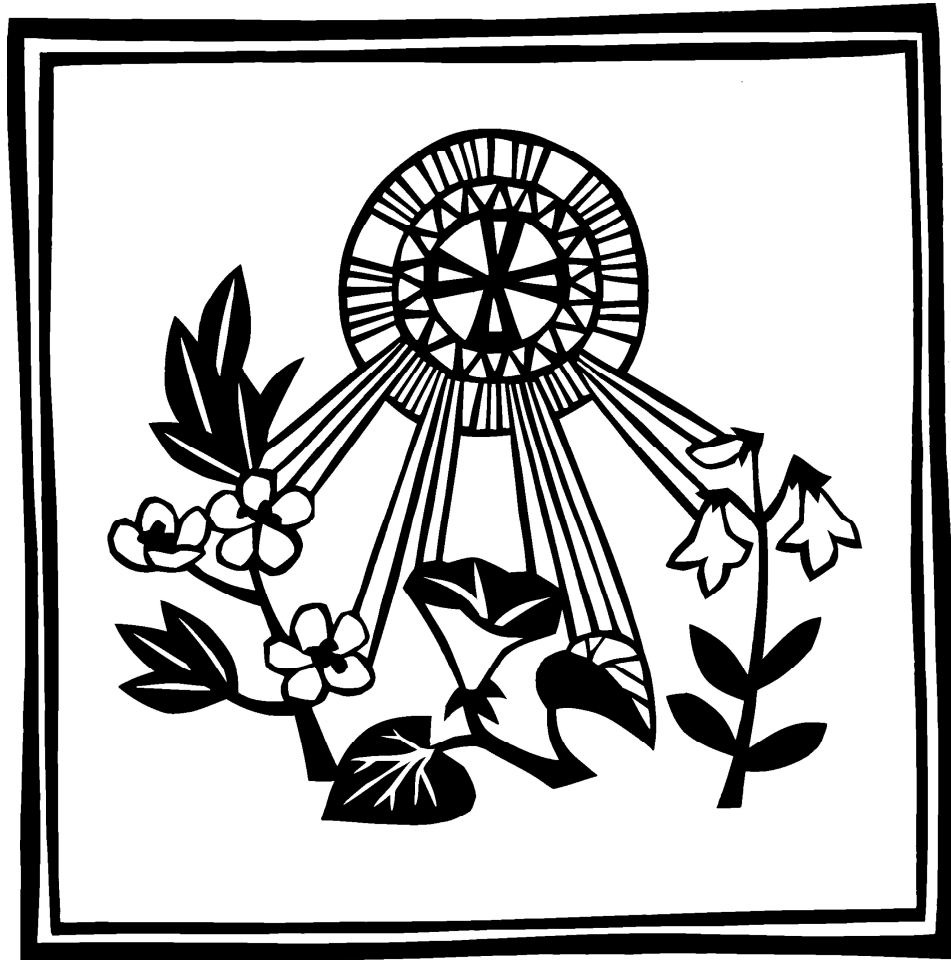


**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 14, 2023—8:30am**



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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

"Ancient Words" arr. by Carol Tornquist

**+ Easter Acclamation**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**+ Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

“You Are God Alone (Not a God)”

You are not a god created by human hands  
You are not a god dependent on any mortal man  
You are not a god in need of anything we can give  
By Your plan that's just the way it is

**Refrain:** You are God alone from before time began  
You were on Your throne You are God alone  
And right now in the good times and bad  
You are on Your throne You are God alone

You're unchangeable You're unshakable  
You're unstoppable that's what You are  
You're unchangeable You're unshakable  
You're unstoppable that's what You are

You're the only God whose power none can contend  
You're the only God whose name and praise will never end  
You're the only God who's worthy of ev'rything we can give  
You are God that's just the way it is

And right now in the good times and bad  
You are on Your throne You are God alone

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

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**+ Word +**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading**

Acts 17:22-31

**Second Reading**

1 Peter 3:13-22

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

ELW #174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some slurs. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' with a double bar line at the end.

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**+ Gospel Reading**

John 14:15-21

**Young at Heart Message**

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

**Sermon**

The Rev. Brett Wilson

**+ Song of the Day**

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, your pardon, lord; and where there is doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there is sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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**+ Nicene Creed**

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**+ Prayers of Intercession**

sung refrain: "Lord, Be Glorified"

*Refrain:* In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Bob Kilpatrick  
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**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**  
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

*Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able! Electronic donations can be made at [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/475611](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/475611).*

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**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

**+ Lord's Prayer** *(sins)*

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**+ Invitation to Communion**

**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

## Communion Song

"Taste and See"

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord;  
for God has been so good to me.  
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord, who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free.  
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Worship the Lord, all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
in God we need put all our trust.  
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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**+Sending+**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

“Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble”

Did you feel the mountains tremble? Did you hear the oceans roar when the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ, the risen One?

Did you feel the people tremble? Did you hear the singers roar when the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ, the saving One?

And we can see that, God, You're moving, a mighty river through the nations; and young and old will turn to Jesus. Fling wide, you heavenly gates; prepare the way of the risen Lord.

**Refrain:** Open up the doors. Let the music play, let the streets resound with singing: Songs that bring You hope, songs that bring You joy, songs who dance upon injustice.

Do you feel the darkness tremble when all the saints join in one song, and all the streams flow as one river to wash away our brokenness?

And here we see that God, You're moving; a time of jubilee is coming, when young and old return to Jesus. Fling wide, you heavenly gates; prepare the way of the risen Lord.

Martin Smith

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**+ Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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