

The Worship of God

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018

This is my commandment,
that you **love** one another as I have loved you.
No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's **life** for one's friend.

— John 15.12-13

Gathering at God's Invitation

Music for Gathering

Marietta Mobley *piano*

Christ Candle

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

†Responsive Psalm 98



Je-sus! What a Friend for sin-ners! He, our strength our vic-tory wins!

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory,

**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have
revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel;

**and the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God. Refrain**

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

the world and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,

**and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to judge the earth.**

**The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity. Refrain**

†Hymn of Praise 89

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Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

†Words of Friendship

Dr. Steve Pressley

Nancy Culclasure, Committee on Committees

A Time for Children

Christina McCord

Hearing God's Word

Opening of God's Word

Berkley Willis



Ho-ly words long pre-served for our walk in this world, they re -



sound with God's own heart; O let the an-cient words im - part.

An-cient words ev-er true, chang-ing me and chang-ing you;

we have come with o-pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im-part.

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Scripture Lesson

Dr. Pressley

John 15.9-17

Sermon

Rev. Courtney Stamey

Jesus In His Own Words | Friend

Responding to God's Word

Musical Interlude

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Sherouse

The Lord's Supper

Rev. Stamey

Sharon Barlow, Deacon Chairperson

Communion Hymns

(Please see insert)

Jesus Is All the World to Me
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
(Please join in singing during communion)

Offertory Prayer

Gayle Wiley, deacon

Choral Offering

Stephen Schwartz

Day by Day from Godspell Jr.

Harrison Rose soloist, Sally Alexander piano

Middle School Choir/Young Musicians

Sending into God's World

†Song of Response

ST. BRENDAN'S

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



We are one in the Spir-it; we are one in the
We will walk with each oth-er; we will walk hand in
All ___ praise to the Fa-ther, from ___ whom all things



Lord. We are one in the Spir-it; we are one in the
hand. We will walk with each oth-er; we will walk hand in
come. And all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly ___



Lord. And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-
hand. And to-geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
Son. And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us ___



stored.
land. And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our
one.



love. Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. ___

†Benediction

Rev. Stamey

Guests are warmly welcomed today. There are several ways during the worship hour that we can become better acquainted. During the **Words of Friendship** we will share a personal greeting with those sitting around us. You will find a **Connection Card** in the bulletin that can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. **Ministers** will also be greeting worshipers at each exit door after the service.