The Worship of God

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019

Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
– from John 14:27

Gathering at God’s Invitation

Music for Gathering
Marietta Mobley, piano

Christ Candle
Grant McCord

Opening Sentences
Rev. Alan Sherouse

Musical Prelude
Be Still, My Soul
Catchfire Collective

†Responsive Reading
Jamell Strickland

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

- from Psalm 67:4-6

†Hymn of Praise 401  

We Praise You with Our Minds

†Words of Friendship  

Rev. Darnysha Nard

Musical Interlude

During the musical interlude, all children may join Christina at the chancel. Parents are welcome to accompany children.

A Time for Children  

Christina McCord

During the musical interlude, children, ages four through first grade, may attend Junior Church and return to the sanctuary after the hymn of response.

Prayers of God’s People  

Rev. Chris Cherry

†Hymn 91  

I Love You, My Jesus

Hearing God’s Word

Opening of God’s Word  

Andrew Petitt

Scripture Lesson  

Rev. Cherry

John 14:23-29

Sermon  

Rev. Sherouse

Whispers of Resurrection | Peace

Musical Reflection  

Jerusalem

Oh Day of Peace

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Responding to God’s Word

†Hymn of Response 594  
Wye Valley  
Like a River Glorious

Musical Interlude

Offertory Prayer  
Jody Moore, deacon

Choral Offering  
K. Lee Scott  
Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Sending into God’s World

†Benediction  
Rev. Sherouse

Organ Dismissal

Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of C. Mack Conway by Phyllis Conway, Denise and Mike King and Lauren Teague.

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.

Special thanks to Catchfire Collective for their musical offerings in worship.

Jillian Storey, Flute
Kyle Kostenko, Clarinet
Carmen Granger, Violin
Peter Swanson, Cello
Leonard Ligon, Conductor, Bass
Robin McLaughlin, Piano
Isaac Pyatt, Percussion