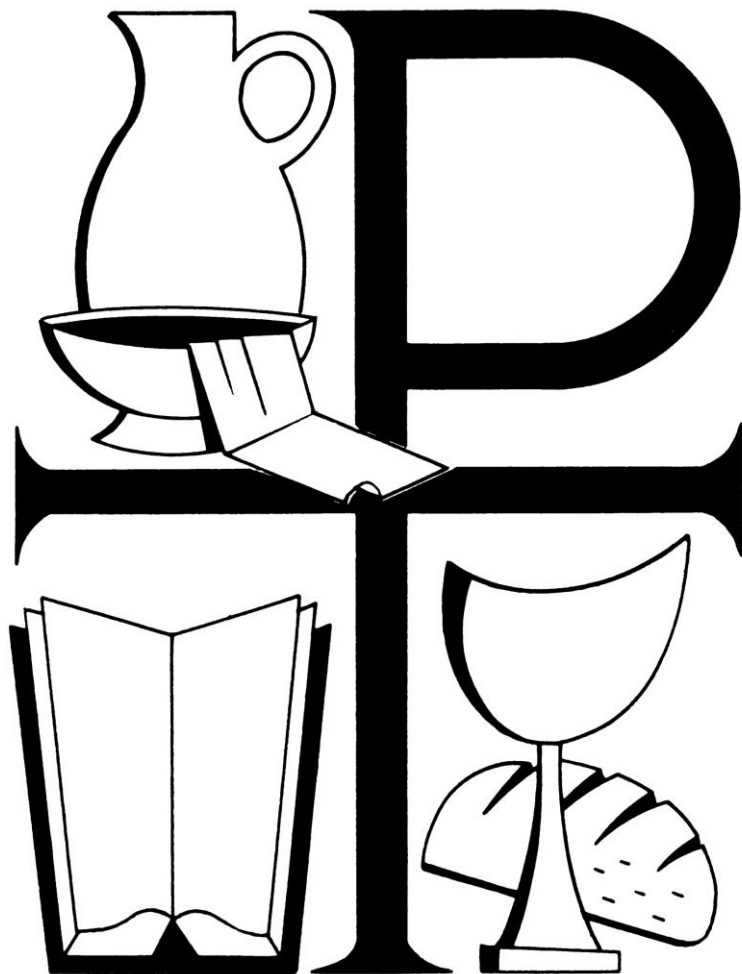


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Our Vision Statement

“To provide a ministry which will lead people to strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ and reach out with God’s love.”

6th Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude *Lord of the Dance* arr. Hayes

Greeting and Announcements **Opening Sentences**

***Doxology** - all to sing No. 592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Praise**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The psalmist encourages us to praise God for all the marvelous things God has done.

People: We join with all creation in praise, for God’s love and faithfulness to us is endless.

Leader: We sing because God chooses us out of God’s great love.

People: We choose God’s love, which bears us in fullness beyond compare.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** “[All Creatures of Our God and King](#)”

***Call to Confession**

Romans 8:26

Leader: The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent. When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain. When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace, show us your love with the

hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate. Forgive us, risen Christ, of all the ways we fall short, and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world.

A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Acts 2:17, 21

Leader: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. This is good news!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing

"Gloria Patri"

No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

***We Share God's Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution**

Special Music

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Raney

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

[Psalm 98](#) (NRSV)

Hymn (seated)

"Jesus Loves Me"

No. 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children's Message

(Children grades K-6 may be dismissed to Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

[John 15:9-17](#) (NRSV)

Sermon

"In My Name"

all the earth

The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn

["Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"](#)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. Carter

(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)

*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

Lectionary readings for May 12, 2024

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1

I John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19