



YOUTH & BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YOUTH SUNDAY
May 9, 2021

GATHERING

PRAYER OF PREPARATION: *Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE *Pomp and Circumstance* Elgar
Dr. Terry McRoberts

INTROIT *Come Into God's Presence* Anon

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *Ayden Johnson*

Leader: Sing to our God a new song.

People: *God has done marvelous things!*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

People: *Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*

Leader: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

People: *Let the world and its people sing together for joy!*

***HYMN 741** *Guide My Feet* **GUIDE MY FEET**

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION *Stella Crenshaw*

On this special day of remembering and honoring those who have nurtured, loved and guided us, we are reminded anew of the great things God has done through those who have labored long to order our steps in the way, truth, and life. For this, we give thanks, even as we confess that we have not done our best, in all seasons of life, to build upon the foundation of faith graciously transmitted to us. Let us confess our sins, so that we may begin to reclaim the faith of those who have gone before us and once more get on with working the works that God has given to our hands.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

Je'Delle Ross

Dear Heavenly Father, as we come to you this morning, we lower our heads to you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Forgive us. We know that we are created in your image, but we treat ourselves and one other in ways that do not honor your presence within us. Forgive us. Sometimes we carry on with our lives depending on only ourselves and things of this world and we fall short of living by faith or seeking your guidance. Forgive us. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength to become more faithful followers and the people who you created us to be; in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Darcy Puffer

Leader: Some birth pangs begin with a sharp pain.

People: *This one begins with a relentless, dull fear.*

Leader: Some births begin with the breaking of water.

People: *This one begins with the dancing of flame.*

Leader: Some births are met with tears and joy.

People: *This one was met with wonder and a command:*

Leader: Go out. Be my people. Live the Good News.

People: *Share. Pray. Help. Sing. Dance.*

Leader: Be born anew.

People: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Gioia Carp

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Je'Delle Ross

PRESENTATION OF SENIOR GIFTS

Molly Richardson

ANTHEM

Sing and Dance, Children of God
Gabby Rogers, Izzy Aurthurs, Evan Holt

Bedford

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hayes Puffer

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 98
(Page 551)

Lily Kate Varino

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*1 John 5:1-6
(Page 241)*

Charlie Crenshaw

SENIOR REFLECTIONS

*Charlie Crenshaw
Clayton Bowers*

RESPONSE

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Confession of 1967 – Inclusive Version*)

Cleve Bowen

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created human beings for a personal relation with himself that they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

Sydney Richardson

OFFERTORY

*That Was Me
(Matthew 25:31-46)
Jeff Chambers, guitar*

Todd Snider

*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*Dedicatory Prayer

Charlie Crenshaw

SENDING

*** CHARGE & BLESSING**

FPC Youth

Leader: Live in the joy of Christ's love and in all the marvelous things that God is doing!

People: *Alleluia!*

Leader: May the righteous fairness of God, the loving friendship of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit go with you all.

People: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

SENDING FORTH

We Go in Peace

Christopher

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Fanfare
Dr. Terry McRoberts*

Mathias