

*FOR WHOSOEVER IS BORN  
OF GOD OVERCOMETH  
THE WORLD. AND THIS IS THE  
VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH  
THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH.*

1 JOHN 5:4



# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

### OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 118:24)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

ALL: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

### WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### PRELUDE

*This is My Father's World*

Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. by Hegarty

### CHORAL INTROIT

*We Have Come to Worship the Lord*

Chancel Choir

Yannerella

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 98:1-8)*

*Elder Stacey McAdams*

One: Sing to our God a new song.

ALL: *God has done marvelous things!*

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

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

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

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

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

## PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

*Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world?*

*Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends.

**ALL:** *Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.*

One: By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.

**ALL:** *Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia! Amen.*

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*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. A-men, a-men.*

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL:** *And, also, with you.*

## THE WORD

### ANTHEM

*Blessed Assurance*

arr. Hopson

Chancel Choir | Macey Berry, soprano

### NEW MEMBER

*April Parliment* (Reaffirmation of Faith)

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### RECEPTION:

*Andy + Hannah Hallman* (Reaffirmation of Faith)

*Amy Patton Woodward* (Reaffirmation of Faith)

*Blest be the Tie that Binds* (Hymn 306)

### RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Ceil Cowles, Elder Paul Taylor, Elder Stacey McAdams*

### PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

*Chris + Karen Anderson, Jon + Abby Ellis, R.M. English, Lisa English, Andy + Hannah Hallman, Bill + Dana Hardy, Caleb + Whitney Meriwether, April Parliment, Amy Patton Woodward*

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*Anna Poole*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Elder Stacey McAdams*

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *1 John 5:1-6* (pg. 241)

*Elder Stacey McAdams*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSE**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Philippians 2:6-11* Elder Stacey McAdams  
*[We believe in] Christ Jesus: who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.*

*Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

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

**OFFERING**

Elder Stacey McAdams

**OFFERTORY**

*A Gaelic Improvisation*

Callahan

\*Doxology (Tune: 606)

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

Elder Stacey McAdams

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*COMMUNION HYMN: 511** *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven* (verses 1-2) LLANFAIR

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**\*COMMUNION HYMN: 511** *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven* (verses 3-4) LLANFAIR

**SENDING**

**\*CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

ev. Courtney Bowen

**POSTLUDE**

*Processional*  
 Dr. Terry McRoberts

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*New members are invited, during the Postlude, to exit the sanctuary to the portico for a receiving line.*