

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 10am**

*The altar flowers are in loving memory of
Carey Shaffer and G. Benjamin Hills
Given by the family*

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: We long for community and the Presence of God.

People: In whom we live and move and have our being.

Leader: This day Christ tells us that we will never be alone. An Advocate spirit of Truth--will share our journey.

People: With whom we will live and create community and celebrate being.

Leader: May love of God be with you. And the joy of Christ surrounds you. May we know the presence of the Advocate as we gather in this community of peace, May your Truth lead us to the path of discipleship with deeds of bold mercy and courageous justice.

People: As an Easter People following a Risen Lord, may the life of Jesus live on in us and through us. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Ever-Present One,

we have come here today for many reasons,
each with our own story.

May these reasons and stories be immersed in your Sacred Story,
finding ourselves caught up in the drama and beauty
of Jesus' teachings, life, and ministry.

Enable us to move boldly into the future
and to fulfill the hope of love that Jesus taught,
even as we pray the prayer he taught us saying,

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sung Response

Black Hymnal No. 253, refrain

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

Prayer of Confession

Holy Advocate,
It seems, at times, we forget that you know us at our very depth.
We become anxious and afraid that you are not with us,
in these days of isolation and worry.
Yet even now you call us to the work of imagination,
generosity and patience,
which are possible when we remember Whose we are.
By your mercy, help us to live out the commandments of Christ
within these walls, beyond this hour.

People: May we become for the world the very presence of justice, hope and peace.

Words of Assurance

All of us have been created and called to be in community
Which today takes many forms!
Know this, but more importantly, live this:
As God's children we are loved and equipped for great ministry.
Follow Jesus' commandment to love boldly, even in solitude,
as you are held in the grace and love of God.

Call for Offering

Today we call upon you as Children of God
to share in the love and work of Jesus.
We, as the gathered Church, the Body of Christ,
continue in our day to witness and work on behalf of our Lord,
returning our gifts, tithes and offerings.

Special Music

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Kathy Gross, flute
Ji Hye Jung, piano

arr. Luigi Zaninelli

Prayer of Dedication

May these gifts, O God, become action and intention, fulfilling Christ's commandment
to love. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

John 14:15-21

Message

"Wandering as Orphans"

Rev. Douglas Vooy's

Special Music

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Kathy Gross, flute
Ji Hye Jung, organ

Lobe den Herren

Benediction

Postlude