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9:00 am Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship Service

May 10, 2026

Liturgist: Tara Howell

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

PRELUDE

GREETING

Please stand in body or in spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

Come and hear what the Lord has done.

He has not left us orphaned.

He has given us an Advocate who will never leave us.

Let us give praise to our God.

Hymn #56 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are called to repent with the assurance of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who loves us steadfastly.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Eternal One, we proclaim that you breathe life into us and know us fully. Yet, sometimes, you remain unknown to us. Sometimes we search for you and sometimes we fumble about for you. We rest in the assurance that when we seek you, we will find you.

But, there are times when we refuse to seek, refuse to search, refuse to fumble. There are times when we rather keep you in compartments so that you will not fully impact our lives. There are moments when we close ourselves off from your revealing word, guiding hand, and nudging Spirit.

Forgive us, O God, for not coming to you as you come to us—fully, persistently, and constantly—and give us strength to fumble and reach toward you in all seasons and at all times. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved, you are known by God and received as you are. God will not reject or rebuff you but forgives, renews and restores you in hope and love.

SENIOR BELL CHOIR What a Friend We Have in Jesus – arr. Geschke
God Be with You – Tomer/Geschke

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate. Open our hearts and minds this day. Spark us with a word of life. Give us a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ's love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: John 14:15-21

The word of the Lord.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Hymn #149 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

Please be seated.

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)
(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

God gifts us with life and breath and all that is. Let us offer our gifts in gratitude for the goodness and grace of God in Christ.

OFFERTORY

If able, please rise in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #147

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commandments. Bless, these gifts and use them to reveal your love in Jesus Christ to all people, everywhere.

Hymn #719 Go, My Children with My Blessing

BENEDICTION

Go forth to witness and minister in the world.

Go forth knowing that as you go...the Advocate comes to you

With strength and courage for the journey.

Go, in peace, serve God, abide in Christ, and keep his commandments.

Amen.

Postlude

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**Head Ushers for May are Evie Starkey and Lance Ide**

**Today's Ushers are Doris Lindmeier and Herb Volk**

**Altar Guild representative for May is Robin Ide**

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Jen Flexer (Treasurer)

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# Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above 56

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
 2 What God's al - might - y power has made, in mer - cy he is  
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
 4 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God the praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our  
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his eye is nev -  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with peace  
 glo - ry. Let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the won -

sal - va - tion. My soul with com - fort rich he fills, and  
 er - sleep - ing. And where he rules in king - ly might, there  
 to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who  
 drous sto - ry. Cast ev - ery i - dol from its throne; the

ev - ery grief he gent - ly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 is by one and all a - dored: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry!

WORDS: Johann J. Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Cox (1812-1897) MIT FREUDEN ZART  
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesänge, Berlin, 1566; harm. Heinrich Reimann (1850-1906) 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.

# 149 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

1 God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped flame and  
 2 Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, Word made flesh, Love  
 3 Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be - yond all  
 4 Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di - vid - ed

hov - ering dove, breath of life and voice of proph - ets, sign of  
 cru - ci - fied, teach - er, heal - er, suf - fering ser - vant, friend of  
 thought's re - call, fount of wis - dom, womb of mer - cy, giv - ing  
 and di - verse, deep - er than our minds can fath - om, great - er

bles - sing, power of love: give to those who lead your peo - ple,  
 sin - ners, foe of pride: in your tend - ing may all pas - tors\*  
 and for - giv - ing all: as you know our strength and weak - ness,  
 than our creeds re - hearse: help us in our var - ied call - ings

fresh a - noint - ing of your grace; send them forth as  
 learn and live a shep - herd's care; grant them cour - age  
 so may those the church ex - alts o - ver - see its  
 your full im - age to pro - claim, that our min - is -

\*When appropriate, *ministers, leaders, elders, or deacons* may be substituted for *pastors*.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944- )  
 MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887); arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
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THE TRINITY

bold a - pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.  
 and com - pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.  
 life stead - fast - ly yet not o - ver - look its faults.  
 tries u - nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

GOING FORTH

719 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me;  
 4 I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
 I, the Lord, will smile up - on you and give you peace:

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort  
 I, the Lord, will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and

ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing— you are my own.  
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.  
 Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you and give you peace.

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 MUSIC: Welsh melody  
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