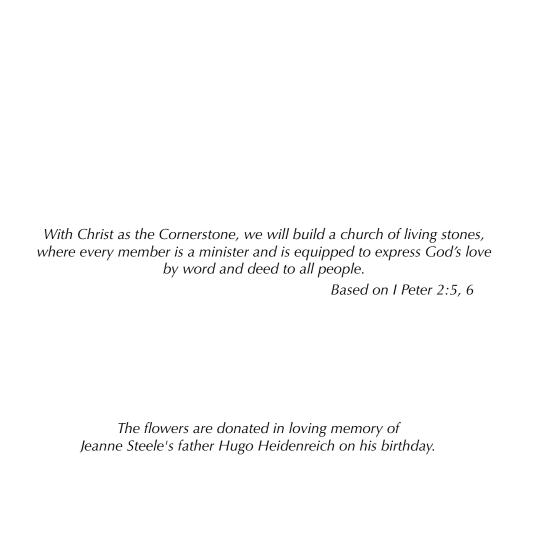


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The Worship of God

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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"Help Us Accept Each Other" GBC Worship Band

BARONITA Words by Fred Kaan Music by Doreen Potter

"You Are My Vision"

Irish Poem trans. and adapt. Mary E. Byrne, Eleanor Hull, and Rend Collective (alt.) Irish Ballad arr. Rend Collective

"Love Your Crooked Neighbor with Your Crooked Heart"

Words and Music by Christian McIvor ©2018

"You've Got a Friend"

Words and Music by Carol King

Prelude

"Glorify Thy Name"

by Donna Adkins arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Anna Beth Cross

†Call to Worship

One: God of benevolence, be with us as we seek to love deeply.

All: We meet you in love.

One: Jesus, friend of all, lead us into relationships in truth.

All: We meet you in truth.

One: Spirit of divine wind, move us to form friendships in hope.

All: We meet you in hope.

One: We seek you; we follow you;
All: We are moved by you! Amen.

[†] Please rise in body or spirit.

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

(Repeat First Stanza)

Children's Sermon

April Alston

Pastoral Prayer

Bo Prosser

Offertory

"From Generation to Generation (Thou Art God)" GBC Choir

Words by Gail McCoig Blanton Traditional Gaelic Melody arr. Marty Parks

From generation to generation, to everlasting, Thou art God, Blessing Thy children, steadfast and faithful; Keeping each promise, Thou art God.

From generation to generation, Thy gracious favor, intimate God, Welcomes the outcast, honors repentance, Source of refreshing, Thou art God.

Thou art God! Thou art God! Everlasting, Thou art God!

From generation to generation, reign from Thy throne, omnipotent God. Perfect in justice, essence of mercy, Hope for all ages, Thou art God!

From everlasting, Thou art God.

†Doxology

"O Bless the Gifts"

LAMB OF GOD Words by Samuel Longfellow, alt. Music by Twila Paris

O bless the gifts our hands have brought; and bless the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in Your hand. (Repeat)

†Prayer of Dedication

Sammy Roberts

Scripture John 15:9-17 Michael-David Rowe

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Holy Friendships Victoria White

†Hymn of Response #426 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

Celebrating Community

†Sending Song

Steve Rose

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May we together be transformed
As hand in hand, we journey through the dark of night;
Through every fire, flood, and storm,
Heart to heart, we'll see each other to the light;
For in the love of Christ, we are abiding
And God is guiding.

Postlude

†Benediction

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Pam Weis

"God Is Guiding" (Chorus)

by Charles C. Converse arr. Jack Schrader

Victoria White

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