



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 10, 2026 11:00 AM

As a courtesy to
others, please
silence your phone.

from Psalm 66

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE

Morningdance
(The Handbell Choir)

Cathy Mocklebust

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kim Whitford

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

**Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard.**

Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected our prayers
or removed his steadfast love from us.

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

* Please rise in body
or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
you call us to do good without fear,
yet we shrink back when faith costs us.
You invite us to give a reason for our hope,
yet we stay silent to protect our comfort.
We repay hurt with hurt,
sharp words with sharper ones,
forgetting that we are called to bless.
Forgive us.
Through the risen Christ,
wash us again in your mercy,
steady our hearts in gentleness and reverence
and make us ready to suffer for what is right,
trusting in the victory of Jesus our Lord.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 647**

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say,
"We are strong";
let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks.
Give thanks.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Rachel Martin

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Ain't Got Time to Die
(The Chancel Choir with Matt Jarvis, soloist)

Hal Johnson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 14:15-21
1 Peter 3:8-15a

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Celebration
 (The Handbell Choir)

Cynthia Dobrinski

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise Christ, all people here below;
 praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 praise Triune God, whom we adore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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In forming his people and sending them into the world
 Jesus called individuals to be disciples.
 They were to share the joy of his companionship,
 to understand and obey his teachings,
 and to follow him in life and death.
 It is also God's demand upon every one of us,
 never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.
 Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,
 we strive to become more faithful and effective
 in our daily practice of the Christian life.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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| 1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory! | 3 The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory! |
| 2 What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory! | 4 Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory! |

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE

Festive Processional

David Lasky

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

Our guest organist today is **Glenn Priest**. He received his Bachelor and Master degrees in Applied Piano from Boston University and completed his seminary work in theology at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Glenn has held worship leading roles at churches in Massachusetts, Tennessee, and North Carolina and has now retired from Fairhaven Church, Ohio, where he was the Team Leader of Ministry Arts.



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