SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 25, 2025
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Dr. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. S. Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP Michael Fingerle

Come, let us worship the God of life!
Let us give thanks to the risen Christ!
Be glad that the Spirit has gathered us here.
Be glad that we are called God's beloved.

***HYMN 365** *God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!* MARION

God reigns! Let earth rejoice!
Let oceans shout God's might!
Borne up by truth and righteousness,
God's throne is our delight.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

God's fire ignites the clouds
with judgment swift and just;
the evil find their deeds in vain;
God's foes are brought to dust. (Refrain)

False idols rise to claim
the weakness of our pride,
but cannot touch the faithful ones,
for God stands at our side. (Refrain)

The radiance of God's light
beams joy into our days;
now filled with God's own peace and love,
our hearts resound with praise. (Refrain)

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God,
your Son gave his life so that we might live,
yet there is still so much deadness within us.
Envy and anger are our constant companions.
Regret and shame take up room in our hearts.
Forgive us.
Help us to forgive ourselves.
Plant your Easter life within us
so that we might live for you in faith and hope.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

***SONG OF JOY 582** (v. 1) *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Road Home* Stephen Paulus
(The Chancel Choir)

Based on an old Appalachian tune, this anthem expresses our Advent longing for a world that feels to us and every lost soul like home.

Tell me, where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost so long ago?
All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling from far away.
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart as the only song.
There is no more beauty than where you belong.
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 1:6-7: 2:15-21

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Dead to Me* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Michael Fingerle

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 *Give Me Jesus* Spiritual/arr. Phillips

***DOXOLOGY 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Michael Fingerle

We trust in God the Holy Spirit
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 772** *Live into Hope* TRURO

Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee! *(continued next page)*

Live into hope! The blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty,
the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread,
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE "In a Classic Style" Gordon Young

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

The Session

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Beth Byron-Reasoner, **P**	Leah Cotter, **E**	Jaime Bressan, **W**
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Carrie Mills, **E**	Steve Largo, **B**	Janet Olshewsky, **F**
Sue Nurczyk, **F**	Lisa Saba, **W**	Seth Stottlemyer, **B**
	Shelley Watson, **O**	Denver Stutler, **O**

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Timothy T. Boggess, Pastor

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N *= Nominating* ***O*** *= Outreach* ***P*** *= Personnel* ***W*** *= Worship & Music*

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