

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 5, 2024
10:00 AM

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God Meets Us When We Gather

RINGING OF THE BELLS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Alice Mills

Welcome children of God.
Welcome to this place of love and grace.
Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.
God invited all of us to be a part of beloved community.
God invited us to share in the good news.
We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.
In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

***SONG OF PRAISE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee/Your Grace is Enough*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
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Verse 1
Great is Your faithfulness, O God.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
And nothing can keep us apart.

Pre-Chorus
So remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

Chorus 1
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Verse 2
Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.
(Pre-Chorus, Chorus 1 & Chorus 2)

Chorus 2
Your grace is enough,
Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing, Your grace is enough,
I'm covered in Your love,
Your grace is enough for me,
For me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Henry Mills

Gracious God,
we confess that we do not always welcome the stranger.
We confess that there are times that
we do not want to welcome anyone.

Forgive us, O Lord.
Help us to accept one another
as you accept us in Jesus Christ.

(A moment for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

As certainly as the sun will rise every morning,
we are loved and forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY** *Beautiful Things* Michael Gungor

Verse 1
All this pain,
I wonder if I'll ever find my way.
I wonder if my life could really change at all.

Verse 2
All this earth,
Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come out from this ground at all?

Chorus
You make beautiful things.
You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of us.

Verse 3
All around,
Hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos life is being found in you.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Alice Mills and James Harrington

The peace of the Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES — Daniel Clissold and Henry Mills

God Meets Us As We Listen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — James Harrington

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 57:14-19	Kaitlyn McAlister
Ephesians 2:14-17	Arianna Dulaney

REFLECTIONS — Devin Gulliver, Quinn Gulliver

God Meets Us In The World

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — Daniel Clissold

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD — Kaitlyn McAlister

OFFERTORY — *Morning Has Broken* — arr. Phillips
(Devin Gulliver, clarinet and Quinn Gulliver, tenor saxophone)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Arianna Dulaney

The World Meets God In Us

***SENDING SONG** *My Lighthouse* Llewellyn | Gilkeson

Verse 1
In my wrestling and in my doubts,
In my failures you won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Verse 2
In the silence you won't let go.
In the questions your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Chorus
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you, oh,
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise: you will carry me safe to shore,

Safe to shore, safe to shore,
Safe to shore.

Verse 3
I won't fear what tomorrow brings,
With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh.
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Bridge (3 times)
Fire before us, you're the brightest,
You will lead us through the storms! (to Chorus)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Devin and Quinn Gulliver

Youth Band

Devin Gulliver clarinet, synthesizer and piano
Alice Mills drums and percussion
Quinn Gulliver tenor saxophone and guitar
Henry Mills piano, synthesizer and vocals

Our Youth Wish To Offer Special Thanks

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