SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14, 2023
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE — Tim Boggess

PRELUDE — *Great is Thy Faithfulness* — Arr. Lloyd Larson
(The Handbell Choir and Steven Phillips, piano)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — Dick Clapp

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!
Let the sound of praise ring out.
Come and hear what the Lord has done,
the Lord who has made everything!

*** HYMN 760** — *Bring Many Names* — WESTCHASE

Bring many names,
beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory,
living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna!
Bring many names!

Strong mother God,
working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation
genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna,
strong mother God!

Warm father God,
hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving
till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna,
warm father God!

Old, aching God,
gray with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises,
wiser than despair:
Hail and Hosanna,
old, aching God!

Young, growing God,
eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice,
giving all you have:
Hail and Hosanna,
young, growing God! (continued next page)

Great, living God,
never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing,
everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna,
great, living God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,
We love you imperfectly.
We love each other imperfectly.
We love ourselves imperfectly.
Forgive us.
By the power of your Spirit,
make us more faithful that we
might live as Christ has shown us,
reflecting your love and grace.

(a moment for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* **SONG OF JOY 804 (v. 1)** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

* **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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* **HYMN 308** *O God In Whom All Life Begins* NOEL

O God in whom all life begins,
who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives;
here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts
of patience, joy, and peace;
deliver us from numbing fear,
and grant our faith increase. (continued next page)

Unite in mutual ministry
our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek
the power your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine
to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed
we may your love proclaim.

Through tears and laughter, grief and joy,
enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community
that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here
to worship, sing, and pray;
then send us forth in power and faith
to live the words we say.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Confession of 1967*
Dick Clapp

Life in Christ is life eternal.
The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work of
creation and reconciliation beyond death
and bring to fulfillment the new life
begun in Christ.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

ANTHEM *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Ryan Murphy
(The Chancel Choir)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.
Fatherlike, God tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
Motherlike, God gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, in the heights adore him;
ye behold him face to face.
Saints triumphant, bow down before him;
gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

*** HYMN 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE** Prelude on "Holy Manna" arr. Cathy Marker
(The Handbell Choir)