



Traditional Worship Service The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Elevation

Clement Loret

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Isaiah 35:1-10)

Listen – all creation rejoices, can you hear it?

There is so much noise and chatter, are you sure there is music?

Listen – the wilderness and desert are breaking out in song, can you hear it?

It's been so long since we've heard a melody of praise.

Listen – the crocus blooms with joyful singing, the very mountains join in the refrain.

Can you hear it?

We join our voices in hope,

worshipping our God who brings forth a new song in the world.

(written by Rev. Nancy J. and posted on [wonderings thru life](http://wonderings.thru.life) and other such nonsense

ruminari.wordpress.com/2010/12/09/advent-3a-call-to-worship/)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn (from *Glory to God*, see back page)

REJOICE, REJOICE

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we are weary, O God, give us bread for the journey. When we are complacent, O God, set a fire in our bellies. When we are frightened, O God, put courage in our hearts and hands. When we are angry, O God, turn our anger into faithful response. When we are bewildered, O God, help us to see and follow You. When we stray, turn us around. When we fail, give us another chance. When we sin, forgive us.

*Please stand if you are able.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God! **Alleluia! Amen.**

(Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.)

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Betsy Simpson

Psalm 146

Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 35:1-10

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Karen Kinney

"Still Standing, Still Hoping"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

How does Isaiah 35 illustrate the transformative power of God's redemption? In what ways can you personally relate to the imagery of a desert blossoming like a crocus?

*SERMON HYMN

#244

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.54–55

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Set me as a Seal upon Your Heart

Anna Laura Page

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

#592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN

#84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Festival Voluntary, Op. 87

Flor Peeters

*You're welcome to stay and enjoy the Postlude or to depart while the music is played.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!*

107 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night. Though dark the



her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for soon he is
el comes a - sing - ing; his hum - ble song is qui - et and
world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so qui - et and
win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall crown you with



born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by
near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing; mu - sic to heal the
free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the mute break
light; be strong and lov - ing and fear - less. Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens
bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness. The thun - der
forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der, the weak be
love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry; may God fill



wide the heav - en - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
of his an - thems rolls to shat - ter all ha - tred and vio - lence.
raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.