



## Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice  
in the warmth of God's love and light by  
**teaching** the holy word,  
**servicing** Christ's community, and  
**growing** together in faith.



May 5, 2024  
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# The Service for the Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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May 5, 2024

9:30 am

Prelude

*Communion*  
*Be Thou My Vision*  
Carol Zeh, piano

Richard Purvis  
Lloyd Larson

Call to Worship

One: We come to join with all the earth in praise:

**All: to sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:

**All: the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe.**

One: On this Sabbath day of rest and gladness,

**All: We greet you with joy, our living God! Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
(stanzas 1 and 2)

No. 366

Prayer of Confession

**Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit to rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! The only one who can judge us calls us friends.

**All: Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.**

One: By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.

Hallelujah! Amen.

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Moment for Mission

Tanya Cleary

\*Passing a Hug

*(Please check first with those you approach)*

Welcome and Announcements

Time with Children Jennifer Miller  
*Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.*

*After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.*

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

Prayer for Illumination Anita Christman

Old Testament Reading Psalm 98: 1-9 (page 480)

Anthem *A New Commandment* Malcolm Archer  
Love one another as I have loved you. A new commandment I give unto you that you  
love one another as I have loved you.

Gospel Reading John 15: 9-17 (page 878)

Sermon *Go and Bear Fruit!* Rev. Amy Lincoln

\*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth., and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem *Come to the Banquet* Joseph Martin

Come to the banquet God has prepared, a table of plenty, no cost has been spared. Christ is our servant, we are his guest at a feast of forgiveness where all will be blessed. Come and remember as you eat the bread, the ways that he fed you by the words that he said. There's rest for the weary, strength for the small, O come and remember the Savior of all. Come to the table, rejoice in the wine that refreshes the spirit, brings peace to the mind. Come drink your fill till hearts over flow, O come to the banquet where God's grace is shown. Go from the banquet with hearts strong and pure, your place at the table forever secure, ask all who hunger to join with you there, for there's room at the banquet and plenty to share.

\*Doxology No. 607

**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

**Generous God, we bring you our offerings today, and ask that you bless them. Bless the money in the plates that it might be saved, stewarded, and spent in ways that honor you. Bless the tasks we will undertake this week that we might be coworkers in your coming kingdom. Bless the hours of our week – 167 until we meet again – that our lives may be our offering to you. Bless us to be blessings in this world. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*It is our common practice to hold onto the elements until all have received them and then to partake of them together at the direction of the pastor.*

Prayer after Communion

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*I Come With Joy*

No. 515

\*Charge and Benediction

Response

*Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace*

Norman Landis

Lord, let us now depart in peace, who in your name are gathered here; disclose the brightness of your face and be forever near, O Lord, let us now depart in peace.

Postlude

*Chorale on "Finlandia"*

Jean Sibelius

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