

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 A.M. May 1, 2016

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Let us prepare for worship by praying,
meditating and listening to the organ prelude.

The Ringing of the Church Bell

The Prelude

The Welcome and Concerns of the Church

The Choral Introit

THE GATHERING

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us.
Come all who are burdened; there is healing here.

**People: We have come to hear the Word of God.
We have brought with us all that weighs us down.**

Leader: Let voices of praise greet the one who calls us.
Be glad together and sing for joy.

**People: Our hearts respond with hope for a new day.
Our voices join in thankful prayers and praise.**

Leader: God reigns among us and fills the world with light.
We are invited to make our home with the living God.

**People: May God's ways be known within and among us.
May God guide all nations in ways of peace.**

*The Hymn No. (insert) "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love. We have neglected your word in the torrent of words that we hear and read every day. Our hearts are troubled amid the conflicts and violence of our world. Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change, lest it require more of us. We know you are reaching out to heal us; help us to respond. We know we are surrounded by your love. Let us feel it deep within, that we may reflect that love to all we meet. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus invites us to stand, to feel our own strength, to understand our own power, to sense the changes that love is accomplishing with us and among us.

People: The Holy Spirit has come to teach us all that we need in order to be faithful. We are loving servants of God, who claims us and sends us on a journey of peace.

Leader: Praise God, who has blessed and forgiven us. Amen.

THE WORD

The Children's Time

The Choral Anthem

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 67

The New Testament Lesson

John 5:1-9

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

"The Healing Place"

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Choral Response

*The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*The Gloria Patri

The Bringing of the Tithes, Offerings and Gifts

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn No. 110 (2nd tune) "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*The Charge and Benediction

Congregation Response

Lift High the Cross

*Come, Christians follow where the Savior trod. The Lamb victorious,
Christ the Son of God. Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*