

We welcome you to worship with us this morning! Out of consideration for the people around you, please ensure that your mobile devices are set to silent mode.

Regular Print: Leader

Bold: Congregation

**Asterisk: Please stand if able*

“In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.”

A Brief Statement of Faith, lines 65–71, *The Book of Confessions*,
(Louisville: Presbyterian Distribution Services, 2007), p.268

✝ WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD ✝

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

Diana Smith

Introit (11:00)

From the Rising to the Setting of the Sun

Greek Orthodox Chant
(Psalm 113:2–3)

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 106)

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God’s steadfast love endures forever.

**Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;
help us when you bring delivery.**

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

**Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.**

Blessed be the Lord, the Savior of believers, the help of all who seek him.

Blessed be the Lord, from everlasting to everlasting.

Prayer of Adoration

*Opening Hymn: #385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In your great compassion cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and

renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Sung Response

Music: Hal Hopson (1995)

We are for-giv-en, We are for-giv-en, Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God!

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✝ WE LISTEN AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROCLAIMED ✝

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:20–31

Pew Bible p.78

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message for Young Disciples

Vickie Fischer

Choral Anthem (11:00)

Bound for the Promised Land

Southern Harmony, 1835

choral arrangement by Kevin Dill (2013)

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:1–8

Pew Bible p.1060–1061

Sermon: DIVINE EXPECTATIONS

Rev. Dr. Daniel Corll

✝ WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND GRATITUDE ✝

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

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.

Offertory Interlude: *Prelude in B minor* Anonymous, c. 1720

*Offertory Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be

Frances Ridley Havergal (1874), alt. Kevin Dill (2024)



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord to thee;
2 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
3 Take my sil - ver and my gold: all is yours a thou - sand - fold;
4 Take my will and make it thine: it shall be no lon - ger mine;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
take my - self, and I will be fit to serve and fol - low thee.

Pastoral Prayer 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.

The Sacrament of Communion (8:30)

✠ WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD ✠

*Closing Hymn: #733 We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS

*Benediction

Postlude (11:00) *Fanfare* Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (Belgium, 1823-1881)



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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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