

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mother's Day
May 9, 2021

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

FOR YOUR MEDITATION

“The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.”
~ *St. Therese of Lisieux*

We enter, never as strangers, but always as guests of God. If you come as a stranger, please know it is our intention you leave as a friend. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, we welcome you this morning! May you experience God's presence and receive the blessing God has prepared for you.

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WELCOME IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

People: Our shouts of joy join the anthems of the universe.

Leader: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

People: We bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

Leader: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

People: Young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched let us lift the new, new songs of faith.

HYMN OF PRAISE - (NCH - black) # 12 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

1. I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.
Oh how your wonders are displayed, where ever I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

3. On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glory known.
The clouds arise, and spread their showers by order from your throne.
All life is but a gift from you and ever in your care:
Wherever people gather, you, O God, are present there.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(unison)(we use "sins")

Creating God, by Your holy hand the concerto of creation begins birds carry the melody while stars keep the beat; oceans and seas dance in merriment, and little children clap their hands with joy. You invite us to sing to a world deafened by despair and haunted by the tunes of fear. We hesitate to join in the chorus of praise, so we ask You to hum the melodies of peace and justice, love, and compassion into our hearts until a rousing chorus of amazing grace bursts forth. And from that place of grace we pray together as Jesus taught us to pray, saying...

"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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen"

WE HEAR GOD'S LIVING WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(Children are invited to come forward)*

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 98- Lay Reader Dave Parmenter

¹ O Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. ² The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of nations. ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous song and sing praises; ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of the melody. ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and all those who live in it. ⁸ Let the floods clap their hands, let the hills sing together for joy ⁹ At the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in Righteousness and the peoples with equity.

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 10: 44-48 Lay Reader- Dave Parmenter

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

SERMON “*A Singing Heart*”

Rev. MaryAnn Purtill

HYMN # 36 NCH “*To God Compose a Song of Joy*”

1. To God compose a song of joy; to God make melody, whose arm of strength does wondrous things, who hand brings victory!

2. Before the nations God reveals, a just and righteous will, Remembering in faithful love the house of Israel.

3. In every corner of the earth, God comes to save and free; Break forth with shouts of holy joy; all lands make melody.

4. With trumpet, with the sound of horns, with strings, yes, with the lyre, with voices praise the sovereign God, a lusty joyous choir.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

**WE BRING GOD OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS
THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYER**

OFFERTORY

“We covenant with God through our tithes and offerings”

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

Take our gifts, and compose a song of healing for the broken, of nourishment for the hungry, of hope for those who despair, and peace for those torn by violence. We sing our praises, as we offer our treasures, as well as our hearts, in the name of Jesus. Amen

HYMN - (NCH - black) # 563 “We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky”

1. We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflowers growing for we are part of all that is with in life’s river flowing. With open hands receive and share the gifts of God’s creation that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

2. When bodies shiver in the night and, weary wait for morning when children have no bread but tears, and war horns sound their warning. God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor, that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.

3. God calls humanity to join as partners in creating a future free from want or fear, life’s goodness celebrating. That new world beckons from a far, invites are shared endeavor, that all may have abundant life and peace’s endure forever.

SENDING OUT

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** - NCH # 81 “God Be With You”

God be with you till we meet again; By good counsel guide, uphold you, with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you until we meet again

THE POSTLUDE

**The end of worship, the beginning of service.
Go forth and serve God gladly.**

* “We extend our spirits to God”

We Welcome all who worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor and have no church home, we hope you find a home here. If you are “passing through,” we offer you God’s blessings as you continue your journey and thank you for sharing with us.

IF YOU HAVE ANY PRAYER REQUESTS PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL MICHELE IN ORDER FOR HER TO HAVE THEM ANNOUNCED IN THE BULLETIN.

WEEKLY PRAYER

*Let the sea and everything in it shout God’s praise!
Let the earth and all living things join in.
Let the rivers clap their hands in glee!
Let the hills sing out their songs of joy.
God will judge the world with justice, and the nations with fairness.*

*God, just and true,
tune the song of our hearts to the music of creation
as You come among us. Amen*

LAY READER – Anyone wishing to share in the leadership of worship by reading the Scripture or bringing a children’s sermon, please sign-up on the appropriate list in the Parish Hall and speak with Dixie Silvestri.

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

May – Lou Scotti

Pastor Maryann’s day off will usually be on Friday. Her normal office hours are Monday through Friday 9:30AM -1:00PM. In case of pastoral emergency she can be reached at her home number 860-633-5833.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- *Sunday (9th) **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 - 10:000 AM Morning Worship with Pastor MaryAnn Purtill
 - 11:15AM Virtual Coffee Hour
 - 1:00 PM Walking Group
- *Monday (10th)
- *Tuesday (11th)
 - 7:30PM- Finance Committee Meeting
- *Wednesday (12th)
 - 10:00 AM Fair Workshop
 - 7:00 PM Handbell Choir
- *Thursday (13th)
- *Friday (14th)
- *Saturday (15th)
- *Sunday (16th) **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 - 10:00AM Morning Worship with Pastor MaryAnn Purtill
 - 11:15AM Special Meeting
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