May 9, 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

Our Mission: To embody God’s love for all by living an active faith in service to others.

We Gather to Affirm God’s Presence in Our Lives

May the God we sing to, pray to, and speak to throughout the day bless you and keep you safe.

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

L: We lift up our eyes to the hills—
from where will our help come?

All: Our help comes from God,
who made heaven and earth.

L: God will not let our feet be moved;
God who keeps us will not slumber.

All: God will keep
our going out and our coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

Hymn

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, bless us with accurate self-sight: we think of ourselves more highly or more lowly than we ought. Forgive us for looking the other way when we know what is happening is wrong. Give us the courage to work for the good even when it means sacrifice on our part. Give us a sense of shame and outrage with injustice wherever we find it. Give us the strength to admit our sin for we would live in the freedom of the forgiven. Make us into the people you wish us to be, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

Silence (be as specific as you wish)
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life. Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. (UCC Book of Worship)

PRAISE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

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

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 1: 13-17

13 You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. 14 I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. 15 But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Galatians 2: 11-6

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; 12 for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. 13 And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, ‘If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?’ 15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have
come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.

NRSV - Grace Comes First by Tony Robinson

HYMN
Come, O Fount of Every Blessing NCH 459

SERMON
What Does God Require of You, Part 2

HYMN
I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry NCH 351

BENEDICTION

PRAYER
Almighty God, who in Your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of His presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by His risen life and serve You continually in righteousness and truth: through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING THE CONGREGATION TODAY
Ministers: All of Us
Pastor: Alan McNamara
Organist: Travis Erikson
Singers: Grace Klonoski, Ashley Kelly, Brian Kowalski
Liturgist: Ginny Omerod
Video:
Audio: Tom Spielman
Sexton: Tom Spielman

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From All That Dwell below the Skies
Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.
Ps. 117

1 From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue. Alleluia, alle-

2 Eternal are your mercies, God; your truth stands ever high and broad: Alleluia! Alleluia! Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia, alle-

(1) From all that dwell below the skies
(2) Eternal are your mercies, God;

(3) Let the Redeemer's name be sung
(4) Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.

1 Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;

2 Here I pause in my sojourn, giving thanks for having come,

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!

streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.

come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,

Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.
I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt

1. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2. When you found the wonder of the Word, I was rejoiced the day you were baptized.
3. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you.
4. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there where you are old.

there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you rejoiced the day you were baptized.
there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.
there when you are old. I'll be there to guide you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

were baptized, to see your life unfold. were baptized, to see your life unfold. St. 4, end

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
Should you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there in case you
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there to make your

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there as I have

wander off and find where demons dwell. verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun always been with just one more surprise.