

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2009

10:50 AM

Filled with joy, Jesus' disciples are no longer called servants but friends. Jesus has laid down his life for his followers, so that their life may be complete in his love. As friends of Jesus, they are to go and do as he commands, baptizing others in the name of Jesus Christ and performing acts of love.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Educational Wing.

WELCOME/MEDITATION

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person. Please indicate any prayer concerns also to be given to the ushers during the offering.

Prelude *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* **Coda**
Handbell Ensemble

*Call to Worship

Sing a new song to God, who has done marvelous things.

We celebrate God's steadfast love and rejoice in God's faithfulness.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; break forth in songs of praise.

With lyre and trumpets and horns, we make melody in thanks to God.

Rejoice that God has come in Jesus Christ to call us beloved friends.

We sing for joy that Christ chooses us to go out and bear much fruit.

***Processional Hymn** *Forward Through the Ages* **Page 555**

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High* **TFWS 2088**

PROCLAMATION

Psalter Reading *Psalms 98* **Page 818**

O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things! God's right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.

The Lord has declared victory, and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

The Lord 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.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Ruler, the Lord!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth. The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Children's Message **Sue Swadley**

Children's Church (Children age 4 through 1st grade may go to the Children's Church Room)

Prayers of the People

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn** *Help Us Accept Each Other* **Page 560**

***Gospel Reading** *John 15:9-17* **N. T. Page 109**

Jesus reminds his disciples who have become, over time, his friends, that they did not choose him; he chose them and appointed them to go and bear much fruit.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message **Judy Matheny**

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer **Unison**

Let us pray: **Thank you, God, for the joy of loving and giving, for the friendship of Christ and the opportunities you give us to serve. May these gifts be used in accordance with your love for all your people. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *Amazing Love* **Harlan**

***Doxology**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* **Page 557**

*Commission and Blessing

Walk in the light as God's own children, united in love for one another.

We would dwell in God's house and abide in Christ's love.

Be guided by God's word, that you may bear good fruit.

We pray for God's guidance, that we may love in word and deed.

Receive God's new birth to strengthen your faith, the Holy Spirit to empower your witness.

**We go forth as friends of Christ, empowered by God's love to love others.
Amen.**

***Benediction/Benediction Response**

***Postlude**

***Please stand as you are able. Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids).
Large print bulletins are now available. Please see an usher for assistance.**

Welcome! We are so pleased that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. Your presence is an encouragement and inspiration to us. Let us celebrate our faith and offer our thanks and praise to God for the blessings. If you desire to join our church, please speak to Rev. Charles Swadley or Rev. Bruce Lake. Membership occurs with Profession of Faith or a Letter of Transfer from another United Methodist Church or other Christian Church.

The **Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of my parents and in honor of my birthday by Justine Mimbe. The **Acolytes** are Jay Wade and Lynette Any. The **Crucifer** is Jess Wade. The **Lay Reader** is Komba Momarkoe. The **Lay Speaker** is Butch Kelchner. The **Greeter** is Norma Pitts. **First Response Team:**

Church Council meets Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend your Church Council meetings. This is the governing leadership body of your church. Your Council meets on the third Tuesday night of every month. At these meetings you can hear the most up to date financial reporting, gain insight into specific ministry efforts, and participate in the discussions of issues which impact on our church. Although voting is restricted to elected and appointed leadership, you have the opportunity to be heard in this open forum. We respectfully ask that any presentations or items for consideration be submitted in writing at least one week prior to a meeting so that any supporting documentation can be viewed and prayerfully considered by the entire Council. In this way our discussions or questions can be accomplished in the most effective and complete manner.

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We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world

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