TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—GRADUATE SUNDAY May 21, 2017

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Toccata" **Theodore Dubois**

Paul Theuerkauff, organ

"Prelude and Fugue in G major" Felix Mendelssohn

Nicholas Reynolds, organ

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED *PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Many voices are speaking to us today

in the movie theater, on the concert stage,

on television, tablet and iPhone.

ALL: Today, God, we will choose to listen to Your voice,

to respond to Your dreams for us,

to follow Your highest path for us,

to make a difference for good in the world.

One: Many voices are speaking to us today

in our homes and our friendships,

in our city and our country,

in news media,

and in those who protest what they're hearing in the news.

ALL: Today, God, we will choose to listen to Your voice,

to respond to Your dreams for us,

to follow Your highest path for us,

to make a difference for good in the world.

One: As many voices ring in our ears, we come to this place to hear the voice that is behind all voices.

ALL: O God who speaks in a still small voice, strengthen each of us to choose the high road, to live up to the greatness you have placed within us, as we enter worship, we will listen for Your voice.

*HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" No. 451

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

Where Children Belong

(congregation sings)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER "Come and Find the Quiet Center" No. 2128

UNISON PRAYER

O Eternal God,

Help us to not look forward in fear

to the changes in life;

Rather, may we look to the future with full hope,

because as changes arise,

you will lead us safely through all things,

because we are your very own,

and when we cannot stand it,

Your Grace can still sustain us.

So we pray for others today who need reminders of your grace ...

(silence as we pray for others)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Songs For The Journey"

arr. Joseph Martin

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Yhy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, feed me until I want no more. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, which we need Thy tender care. In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are. He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me. His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand, He leadeth me.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

SERMON

Hebrews 12: 10-17

(NT p. 227)

Leader: The Word of God. All: For the People of God. Leader: Thanks be to God.

Kam Perry

RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES

(see insert)

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Hymn

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

"Find Your Medicine"

No. 2153

*Doxology

No. 95

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. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN "Take My Life and Let it Be" No. 399

*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Lord, let Us Now Depart In Peace"

Maurice Whitney

*POSTLUDE

"Choral et Fugue"

Alexandre Guilmant

Martin Jones, organ