

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May 26, 2019  
11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in A minor"

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED  
*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.*

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING  
*Today we commission our new Stephen Ministers, Melissa Sole and Betsy Wilson.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
*This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
One: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:  
**All: Let our joy be complete!**  
One: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:  
**All: Love one another!**  
One: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:  
**All: No longer servants but friends!**  
One: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise, rejoicing in the friendship of God.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN  
"Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)  
***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong. This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

HYMN "Where Charity and Love Prevail" No. 549 ( vs. 1 & 3)

UNISON PRAYER (see below)

HYMN "Where Charity and Love Prevail" No. 549 ( vs. 5 & 6)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done**



## **Prodigal God**

*A prayer by Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

Prodigal God,  
Grant us our share of your Spirit,  
That by your grace in us we will be  
lavishly loving and extravagantly generous,  
Extending blessing to all without prejudice.

We reject the labels of "sinner" and "righteous,"  
For all people are your beloved, sinful children,  
And all our righteousness comes from you alone.

May we be like you in offering hospitality  
To those who walk outside our ways.  
Give us courage to hold fast to our mercy  
Despite those who want us to judge.

May we include all people as our family,  
Willing to leave our places of comfort and belonging  
To welcome the rejected and the outsiders,  
To be one even with the condemned.

May we take risks to defend the ties that bind us,  
That make us one body in your grace.

In the Spirit of Christ, God,  
Make us your prodigal people,  
Wildly generous with your love,  
And deeply joyful in your blessing. Amen.