

MAY 9, 2021



Sixth Sunday of Easter

When congregational songs are sung in worship this morning, we invite you to listen prayerfully and participate in other safe ways if you feel so moved - feel free to stand, move, clap, drum on the pew in front of you, etc. Texts are provided below for your personal reflection.

Prelude

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
Amber Sawyers

arr. Todd Billingsley

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Sung Call to Worship

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"
Annie Hardison-Moody, Christian McIvor, Amber Sawyers

DARWALL'S 148th;
Words by Brian Dill,
Music by John Darwall

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!

In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Music

"We Are One in the Spirit"
Annie Hardison-Moody,
Christian McIvor, Amber Sawyers

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS;
Words and Music by Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

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All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

Prayers of the People

Jerry Chiles

Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17

Ron Thompson

Sermon

"Bold in Love"

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

"Love Your Crooked Neighbor with Your Crooked Heart"
Christian Mclvor, Steve Rose

Words and Music by
Christian Mclvor, ©2018

Verse 1:

Well, we've all got our stories, with plenty left to tell;
We've roamed the hills and valleys, touched heaven and been through hell.

Pre-chorus:

And though we try and we try to do you right,
We still stumble and we fall;
And still you open up our eyes to see Your light,
It's always shining through in all.

Chorus:

O Lord, we sometimes can't explain the things we do,
But our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
So, we'll remember what you've told us from the start,
"Just go on and love your crooked neighbor with your crooked heart."

Verse 2:

We know that no one's perfect, we're all broken and we're flawed.
But the fissures and the fractures are bound together by God.

(Pre-chorus, Chorus)

A Time of Response

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Music for Response

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"
Annie Hardison-Moody, Amber Sawyers,
Christian Mclvor

ST. MARGARET;
Words by George Matheson,
Music by Albert Lister Peace
and Christopher Miner

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

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O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

(Stanza 1)

Doxology

"Doxology"

Annie Hardison-Moody, Amber Sawyers

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
O praise God, O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebrating Community

Christian McIvor

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

"God Be With You"

Amber Sawyers

arr. Phillip Keveren

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