



The Celebration of Worship

May 17, 2020 6th Sunday in Easter

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
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Welcome

Please join in lighting a candle at home.

Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Call to Worship

Leader: Source of all creation, maker of the world and everything in it,

People: You are never far from each one of us.

Leader: We come into Your presence seeking You,

People: O giver of life and breath.

All: Reveal Yourself to us, dwell with us, and abide in us.

Gathering Hymn

“Laudate omnes gentes”

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of God’s Grace

Leader: God of wonder, When we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder of You upholding our lives and all creation; when we walk through our lives and fail to see You abiding within and around us; when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor Your presence; and when we feel abandoned and swept with life’s demands.

All: Open our eyes to your presence that we may lean on You for You uphold all of creation in tenderness and power. Amen.

Leader: Take courage in this promise from the book of Acts: we live in God and God in us. The presence of God is within and all around us. Thanks be to God.

Response to God’s Forgiveness

Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Discovery Table

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Hymn of Grace

“Bless the Lord”

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Parent, and the Parent will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Her nor knows Her. You know Her, because She abides with you, and She will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Parent, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Parent, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-287

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is God served by human hands, as though God needed anything, since God gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor God made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for them and find them--though indeed God is not far from each one of us. For 'In God we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are God's offspring.'"

Sermon

Rola Al Ashkar

Opportunity To Present Offerings & Doxology

Please enter any prayer requests, joys or concerns, in the comments of the Facebook Live video so we can include you in our prayers.

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Veronica Gould

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Seek Ye First"

Benediction

Rola Al Ashkar

Response: "Shalom"

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)