

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC Walk in the Way Clay Christiansen

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. Steve Gorman

* UNISON INTROIT FOR EASTERTIDE (Hymn 245, v. 1)
Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply. Alleluia!

* OPENING SENTENCES (from Ephesians 6:13-17) The Rev. Dr. Cinda Gorman
Take up the whole armor of God.
Belt your waist with truth.
Put on the breastplate of righteousness.
Lace up your sandals for the gospel of peace.
Take the shield of faith.
Put on the helmet of salvation.
Hold onto the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
Stand firm, clothed for the Lord!

* HYMN 664: “Morning Has Broken” BUNESSAN

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Beloved in Christ: God is with us!
We are not alone!

UNISON CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION
O Lord, you call us disciples who bear witness to our faith in you. Yet we hesitate and remain “polite,” afraid to share our life in you. Clothe us in righteousness. Give us words which reflect your presence in our lives, and in the activities of our world. Let us be sincere in sharing our walk with you. In boldness, let the hope, peace, justice, and love of Christ be proclaimed in word and deed. Forgive our hiding. Strengthen us and clothe us, in the strong message of Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 462, v. 1)
I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know ‘tis true;
It satisfies my longing as nothing else could do.
I love to tell the story; ‘twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:10 -11 (Pew Bible, O.T. p.692)

SOLO Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Sebastian Temple
Abraham Roos, solo arr. Mark Hayes

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord. And where there’s doubt, true faith in you. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light. And where there’s sadness, ever joy. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand. To be loved, as to love, with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. In giving of ourselves that we receive. And in dying that we’re born to eternal life. Amen.

SECOND LESSON Colossians 3:12-17 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.201)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 469)
Lord, listen to Your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit to this place.
Lord, listen to Your children praying; Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SERMON “Dressed Up” Dr. Gorman
“Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves...”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN 630: “Fairest Lord Jesus” CRUSADERS’ HYMN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY *Take My Life and Let It Be* Frances R. Havergal

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN 32: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” ELLACOMBE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC *Praeludium in Bb Major* Johann Sebastian Bach
BWV 560

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor
The Revs Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates
Dr. Kaori Hongo, Minister of Music
Aliyah Kennedy, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry



SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

10 a.m.
