

**May 9, 2021**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**10:00 am**

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

\*Call to Worship

LEADER: As I went down in the river to pray,  
studyin' about that good 'ol way, and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord,  
show me the way

**PEOPLE: Oh sisters let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh sister let's go down, down to the river and pray.**

LEADER: As I went down in the river to pray,  
studyin' about that good 'ol way, and who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord,  
show me the way.

**PEOPLE: Oh brothers let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh brother let's go down, down in the river to pray.**

LEADER: As I went down in the river to pray,  
studyin' about that good 'ol way, and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord,  
show me the way

**PEOPLE Oh, fathers let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh father let's go down, down in the river to pray.**

LEADER: As I went down in the river to pray,  
studyin' about that good 'ol way, and who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord,  
show me the way.

**PEOPLE: Oh mothers let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh mother let's go down, down in the river to pray.**

LEADER: As I went down in the river to pray,  
studyin' about that good 'ol way, and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord,  
show me the way

**PEOPLE : Oh, sinners let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh sinners let's go down, down in the river to pray. As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good 'ol way, and who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way.**

\*Hymn of Praise *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Celebration Hymnal No. 21

\*Prayer of Invocation

**Merciful God:**

**We come together to worship longing for tenderness because this world can be hard.**

**We come, longing for light because our lives are crowded with shadows.**

**We come, desperately needing direction.**

**Fill us this morning with your peace: your spirit is our peace and our path to lead others to you.**

**In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

Scripture readings:

Acts 1:12-14

Acts 2:42-44 ( to be read in unison)

\*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.*

*World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Sermon

*Prayer Changes Things*

Brian Sampson

Hymn of Reflection

*Take Time to Be Holy*

Celebration Hymnal No. 656

Pastoral Prayer

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.*

\*Hymn of Going Forth

Celebration Hymnal No. 643

*O Lord, You're Beautiful*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Make Us One*

Make us one Lord, make us one

Holy Spirit, make us one

Let our love flow, so the world will know

We are one in you; we are one in you.

Postlude

\*We invite you to stand if you are able.

**Scripture Reading**

**Acts 1:12-14**

**12** Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.

**13** And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James.

**14** These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

**Second Reading**

Acts 2:42-44 (To be read in unison)

**42** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**43** Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

**44** Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

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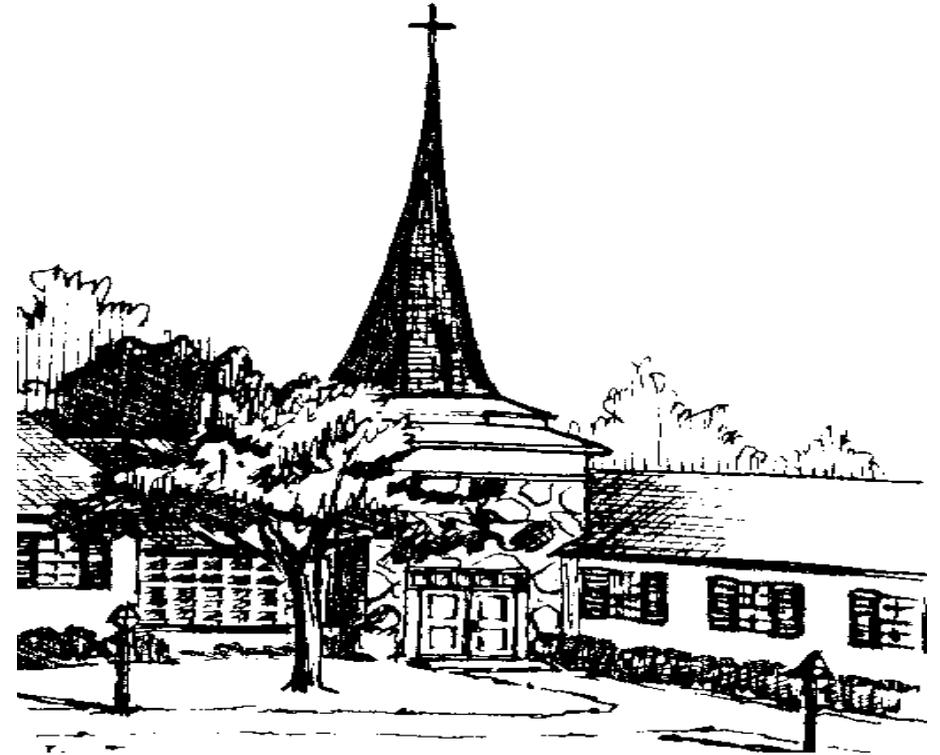
The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Church Covenant**

**We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God's creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.**

# ***WELCOME!***



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