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The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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*Welcome to worship – May you experience the Presence of Christ this morning,  
and walk through this week with His peace and gentle love.*

**WE REALIZE OUR NEED FOR FORGIVENESS**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us  
and calls us, who unites us and sends us. C: Amen.

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection*

P: Mighty and loving God,

C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN ELW No. 556 "Morning Has Broken"**

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the first garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

P: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the uplifting love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

P: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS.

# NOW THE FEAST

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God.

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er.

## Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**All:** Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST READING from Acts 17:22-31

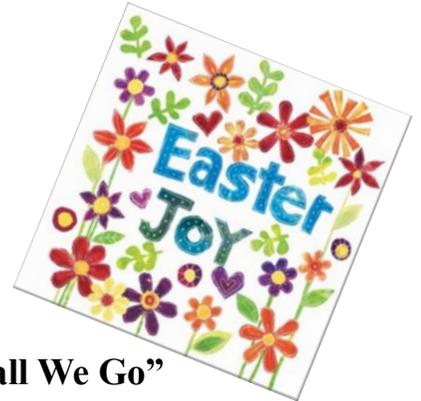
L: The Word of the Lord                      C: Thanks be to God

## PSALM: Psalm 66: 8-20

## SECOND READING from 1 Peter 3: 13-22

L: The Word of the Lord                      C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord To Whom Shall We Go"



*Congregation:*



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## GOSPEL READING from John 14:15-21

P: The gospel of the Lord    C: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE – Rev. Aida Muñiz

## HYMN OF THE DAY ELW NO. 720 "We Are Called"

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms . R

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. R

## THE APOSTLES' CREED -

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

P: Because we are so blessed, we offer our gifts back to God with grateful hearts. We invite you to, if able, mail your envelopes to church or to keep using your bank institutions for your offerings.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Make sure to check out our Facebook page and website**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

### **BLESSING**

**\*SENDING HYMN *ELW* NO. 538            “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”**

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live. The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus’ name; that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.

### **DISMISSAL**

P:        Go, serve the Lord, and may his peace be with you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **SHARE THE PEACE OF GOD**