

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Prelude* John Kim

† INTROIT *Nothing But the Blood* Sarah A Michal
*What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP *Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho*
Leader: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth!
People: Come into his house with sacrifices of praise and worship!
Leader: Sing to the glory of his name!
People: For he has refined us like silver, led us through fire and flood, and brought us out into freedom! Amen!

† OPENING HYMN *I Come With Joy* No. 617

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison) *Sue Puma Vance*
Loving Father, we gather to celebrate your presence with us. We offer you our praise and our prayers, our love and our obedience. We rejoice in your love for us, and in the life we have been given through the sacrifice of your son, Jesus Christ.
(Please be seated.)

ANTHEM *The Old Ragged Cross* arr. Linda Lamb
Jubilation Ringers

CALL TO CONFESSION *Kevin Vance*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)
O God, it seems, at times, we forget that you know us at our very depth. We become anxious and afraid that you are not with us, and that our lives have lacked meaning and purpose. You have called us to great things, but we focus instead on what we lack, rather than on whose we are. By your mercy, help us to live out the commandments of Christ beyond these walls, beyond this hour, and in so doing, may we become for the world the very presence of justice, hope, and peace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION
WORDS OF ASSURANCE *Kevin Vance*

Hear the good news: Christ died for our sins and rose again that God might free us from our fears to live fully in the power of God's amazing grace.

In his grace, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Since By Man Came Death* G.F. Handel
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME *Kristin Moran*

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER *Dr. Cho*

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

† HYMN *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place* No. 328
(Sing twice)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison) *Kevin Vance*

Holy Spirit, you constantly stir the hearts of others from far and near to join us in your church. Stir our hearts as we hear your Word, that we may faithfully and joyfully receive all whom you send our way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 5: 1-11 *Kevin Vance*

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. **Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."** When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. **About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price."** Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also." At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

SERMON **"Truth About Honesty"** *Sue Puma Vance, Lay Servant*

† PASSING THE PEACE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS *Dr. Cho*

- Please sign your attendance on the Friendship Pad.
- Car Wash to benefit Proyecto 11/11—May 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m.—2:00p.m. See Nancy for pre-sale tickets. *Rolf Frantz*
- Mother's Day Flowers for Sunday, May 13—today is the deadline to order!
- ASP Fundraiser at the Black River Barn Restaurant, Tuesday, May 15, 5:00-10:00 p.m. *Vince Cattano*
- Basic Lay Servant Training Course, Sunday, June 10 and Saturday, June 16

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Dr. Cho*

OFFERTORY *Beautiful World* John Kim

† DOXOLOGY No. 95

*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.*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison) *Kevin Vance*
We have much to return in gratitude to you, O God, and much to share with the world around us. Bless now these gifts, that they may be signs of your Spirit's movement. And accept them also as tokens of our intent to fearlessly serve you and proclaim your good news in every way, through the power of your Spirit dwelling in us. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN *Become to Us the Living Bread* No. 630

† BENEDICTION *Dr. Cho*

† POSTLUDE *Thanks to God* Myung Kim
 Please feel free to sit and enjoy the postlude or leave the sanctuary to greet the pastor and other church friends at the door. All are welcome to join for a time of fellowship over refreshments in Fellowship Hall.



THE FLOWERS THAT GRACE THE CHANCEL are given by Loida Larcia to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Antonino, and her sister, Angelina.

THE ROSEBUD is in celebration of the birth of Hannah Margaret Heggenstaller on April 27, daughter of Emily and Dan Heggenstaller. Judy and John Bellush, Jr. are her very proud and happy grandparents.

THE FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2018 IS IN PLACE. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CALENDAR HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE BULLETIN BOARD NEAR THE COURTYARD. Please consider honoring a loved one on any Sunday. The cost for the two arrangements is \$70.00, and any given Sunday may be shared with the agreement of both donors.

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