

May 25th, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Thought to ponder: *"Anybody can observe the Sabbath, but making it holy surely takes the rest of the week"* – Alice Walker

Welcome

Announcements, Life & Work of the Church

Prelude: New Hymn: VU #358

When Jesus the Healer vs 1

When Jesus the healer

Passed through Galilee,

Heal us, heal us today!

The deaf came to hear

And the blind came to see.

Heal us, Lord Jesus!

Passing the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Acknowledgement of the Territories:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Call to Worship:

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: let all the peoples praise you!

One: Let the earth rejoice and be glad,

All: let the heavens declare your righteousness!

One: May all people see your glory, O God;

All: may your ways be known throughout the earth.

One: Let us worship the God who loves us;

All: We come to worship with open hearts, to raise our voices with thanks and praise.

Hymn: VU# 218 We Praise You, O God

**We praise you, O God,
our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion
our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you;
we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name,
glad praises we sing.**

**We worship you, God
of our mothers and fathers,
Through trial and tempest,
companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us,
you will not forsake us,
But faithful to your promise,
you walk by our side.**

**With voices united
our praises we offer
And gladly our songs
of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing,
we pray for your blessing,
To you, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise!**

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Gathering Prayer:

Generous and Loving God, we greet you this day with thankful hearts. Knowing that you shine your face upon us and instill within us your ways, we come offering you our uplifted praises. In these moments we feel your presence all around us your world is full of such variety and detail, that we stand in awe of your creative imagination. Draw close to us in this hour of worship and show us the promise and purpose in our own lives. May we unfurl with your gift of new life, and move into the future, renewed by the energy of your Holy Spirit. Amen

Time for Young at Heart: Always be Ready**Hymn: MV #119 God Our Protector 2x**

**God our protector, Keep us in mind,
Always give strength To your people.
For if we could be with you
One day in time
It is better than a
Thousand without you.**

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Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture:**Psalm 67** Let the light of God's face shine upon us**John 14:23-29** The Holy Spirit will come to teach**John 5:1-9** Sick man cured at the pool of Bethesda**Ministry of Music: Sit Down Servant****Reflection: Come What May****Hymn: VU #358 When Jesus the Healer****vs 1,2,4,5,7**

When Jesus the healer

Passed through Galilee,

Heal us, heal us today!

The deaf came to hear

And the blind came to see.

Heal us, Lord Jesus!

A paralyzed man was

Let down through a roof.

Heal us, heal us today!

His sins were forgiven,

His walking the proof

Heal us, Lord Jesus

When blind Bartimaeus

Cried out to the Lord,

Heal us, heal us today!

His faith made him whole

And his sight was restored.

Heal us, Lord Jesus

The lepers were healed

And the demons cast out.

Heal us, heal us today!

A bent woman straightened

To laugh and to shout.

Heal us, Lord Jesus!

There's still so much sickness
And suffering today.

Heal us, heal us today!

We gather together
For healing and pray:

Heal us, Lord Jesus!

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Prayers of the People

One: God of mercy,

All: Hear our cry.

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, and the
power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer of Dedication:

**Generous God, we thank you for your
gift of new life in Christ Jesus. Receive
our gifts this day, and bless each gift
and each giver. Use each one to
witness to your purposes through our**

**congregation and throughout the
world you love, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hymn: VU #420 Go to the World

**Go to the world!
Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where
Christ renews life's worth,
Baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Go to the world!
Go into every place.
Go live the Word
of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence
in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Go to the world!
Go struggle, bless and pray;
The nights of tears
give way to joyous day.
As servant Church,
you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Go to the world!
Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you
'til the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry
"Amen!"
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

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Benediction:**Sung Benediction: MV #32 Hallelujah 2x****Halle, hallelujah,****halle, hallelu,****Halle, hallelujah,****Ha-le-lu-jah!**

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Announcements

May 25th, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter.

Reader for this week: Brenda

Reader for next week:

Greeter this week: Jo Ann Goddard

Greeter next week: Tom and Elaine

Tellers this week: Shirley and Wendy

Tellers next week: Bonnie and Jo Ann

A/V this week: Al

A/V next week: John

Sunday

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service

Coffee and conversation after the service.

Wednesday

6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

Plant sale 9 - noon

Next Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom
 10:00 Sunday Service in sanctuary
 via Facebook and Zoom

Do you have a hand? Trace it out on coloured paper and put your name and a couple of tidbits about you inside the hand and return it to the office or drop it off when coming in to Sunday service. Paper is available at the church if you need some.

The Plant sale will be coming soon. Start preparing your perennials for dividing and potting then bring them to us the last week of May for the plant sale on May 31st.

Women of the bible Do you have a favourite woman of the Bible? Write her name on the white board. This summer we will be talking about the incredible women of the bible.

Grad Sunday June 15. Please let us know if you have a family member graduating from high school, college or university. Let Lisa know or sign the sheet in the Narthex.

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: It's an easy fundraiser as we all buy groceries so why not do it via grocery cards as it results in income for the church. We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards. As well, cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:
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If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown