

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now in peace and in joy.
May the love of God surround you,
the grace of Christ uphold you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit renew you.

And may your lives reflect the love divine
that continues to make all things new.

Go in joy to love and serve the Lord.
All people: Amen.

POSTLUDE

Mr. Kevin Crone

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

Acolyte

May 10, 2026
6th Sunday of Easter

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All people: Almighty and ever-living God, you are the source of all life, the giver of every good gift, and the One in whom all creation finds its joy. Through Christ, you draw near to us in love. Through the Spirit, you continue to guide, renew, and sustain your people. Fill this place with your presence today. Open our hearts to your transforming love, our minds to your truth, and our lives to your joyful service. May our worship reflect not only our praise, but our longing to live more fully as the people of Christ. In the name of the risen Savior we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Mr. Kevin Crone

CANDLE LIGHTING

Acolyte

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us worship the living God!

Congregation: We come to praise the One who gives us life.

Pastor: The God who formed the world is nearer than we imagine.

Congregation: In God we live and move and have our being.

Pastor: Christ calls us into lives shaped by love.

Congregation: The Spirit renews and strengthens us each day.

Pastor: Come, people of God -

All people: let us worship with joy and thanksgiving!

HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

Blue Hymnal #27

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: After singing of the majesty of God and calling upon the presence of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are reminded that worship is more than words upon our lips. Christ calls us into lives shaped by love - love that is patient and merciful, love that seeks justice and extends grace, love that reflects the heart of God. And yet, we know there are moments when fear speaks louder than compassion, when distraction pulls us away from what matters most, when we resist the Spirit's work within us. Still, God does not turn away. The One who created us in love continues to meet us with mercy and renewal. So let us come honestly before God now, trusting in grace as we join together in our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All people: Merciful God, you call us to lives shaped by love, yet we confess that we do not always love as Christ loves us. We become distracted by worry, discouraged by fear, and resistant to the Spirit's transforming work within us. At times we settle for comfort instead of compassion, judgment instead of mercy, and self-interest instead of grace. Forgive us, O God. Renew us through your Spirit. Shape us again into people who reflect the love, joy, and hope of Christ in the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Hear the good news: God's love has not failed us. In Christ, we are forgiven. Through the Spirit, we are renewed. And nothing can separate us from the love of God.

All people: Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Blue Hymnal #35

JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME" - *God is Closer Than We Think*

HYMN

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

Blue Hymnal #517

EPISTLE READING

Acts 17:22-31

GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-21

SERMON

In God, We Live and Move

Rev. Laura C. Baker

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All people: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act (Currie) Chancel Choir

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: God has filled creation with beauty, life, and blessing. And so we respond with gratitude - offering our gifts, our service, and our lives for the sake of God's work in the world. May what we offer today become signs of Christ's love and joy for others. Let us stand, as is comfortable, and offer our gifts with grateful hearts - with a song and a prayer.

DOXOLOGY

We Give Thee (Verse 1)

Blue Hymnal #382

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All people: God of life, bless these gifts and those who offer them. May they become signs of hope, mercy, healing, and welcome for all who are searching for love and belonging. Use us also as your living witnesses - people through whom others may glimpse the compassion and presence of Christ. Amen.

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Blue Hymnal #2