

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9th, 2021



PRELUDE

A Mother's Prayer

Juliet Calkins

CHIMES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Don Mayer

Elder: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

All: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Elder: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

All: Let the world and its people sing for joy!

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN #535

A Christian Home

FINLANDIA

1. O give us homes built firm upon the Savior,
Where Christ is Head and Counselor and Guide;
Where every child is taught His love and favor
And gives His heart To Christ, the crucified:
How sweet to know that though his footsteps waver
His faithful Lord is walking by his side!
2. O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
Who always place their hope and trust in Him;
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim;
A home where each finds joy in serving others,
And love still shines though days be dark and grim.
3. O Lord, our God, our homes are Thine forever!
We trust to Thee their problems, toil, and care;
Their bonds of love no enemy can sever
If Thou art always Lord and Master there:
Be Thou the center of our least endeavor
Be Thou our Guest, our hearts and homes to share.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God we have not loved You or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN (Not in hymnal)

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me v. 2

ST. CATHERINE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 10:44-48

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:9-17

MESSAGE FOR TODAY

"Abiding in Christ's Love."

Rev. John Ruehl

HYMN #455

Come, All Christians, Be Committed vv. 1 & 2

BEACH SPRING

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #514

In My Heart There Rings a Melody

Elton M. Roth

1. I have a song that Jesus gave me,
It was sent from heav'n above;
There never was a sweeter melody,
'Tis a melody of love.

Refrain

In my heart there rings a melody,
There rings a melody with heaven's harmony;
In my heart there rings a melody,
There rings a melody of love.

2. I love the Christ who died on Calv'ry,
For He washed my sins away;
He put within my heart a melody,
And I know it's there to stay.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Share His Love with All the World

Trenton Watkins

* Liturgy is from Feasting on the Word, Westminster John Knox Press.

Assisting with Today's Worship Service:

Preacher: Rev. John Ruehl
Elder: Don Mayer
Organist: Dr. Mary McKee, Director of Music
Vocal Soloist: Taylor Levesque
Ushers and Greeters: Sonny and Sue Jones
Sound Booth: Dave Angell, Kurt Kalwitz, Lars Ljungdahl
Spencer McKee, Debbie Hornsby
Tech Support: Jim Brown, Church Administrator
Nursery Coordinator: Sherry Liney, Preschool Aide

Guest Pastor this Sunday

The Rev. John G Ruehl, IV is an ordained PC(USA) Teaching Elder, who works as the Outreach Coordinator for Union Mission of Savannah. He is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary and will begin work on his DMin this summer through Drew University, focusing on Spirituality and Pilgrimage. Rev Ruehl is married to Rev Chrissy Ruehl, who is Minister of Children and Families at Isle of Hope UMC. Together they have a daughter, Remy (8yo), and a son, Ethan (6). They live on Isle of Hope and enjoy sports, camping and being outdoors.