

Coming up!



- May 14 *9:30 am Traditional Worship
*9:30 am Youth Group, grades 6—12, Youth Rm
*11:00 am Contemporary worship
*11:00 am Adult Bible Study, John Munday, facilitator, Rm 240
16 *6:30 pm NO Harmonious Flutes, Choir Suite
17 Senior Saints' trip to Berkley Plantation, Bus leaves at 8:00 am
*7:00 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
18 *7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
19 Senior Saints' luncheon, 12:00 pm in the Youth Room
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23 *6:30 pm Harmonious Flutes, Choir Suite
24 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Live dinner, Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm K.I.C.K (Kids in Christ's Kingdom)
6:15 pm Interim Work with Pastor Lou, Sanctuary
25 6:30 pm PW Novel Ideas Book discussion, Rm 200
*7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

*Denotes weekly meetings unless otherwise listed.

SENIOR SINGERS! Join the fun and fellowship beginning June 14 at 6:00 pm—6:45 pm as we prepare for Senior Sunday on July 9. Easy music, lots of joy as we sing to praise the Lord. We give FREE TUNEUPS! Register online or just let Billye know, music@gbpres.org

Giving is a natural overflow of a heart that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us. A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at www.gbpres.org. You may also give securely by texting, (833)-965-0647, or by scanning the QR code :



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Thank you for joining us for worship today.

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May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Worship
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Welcome! We are glad you are here!

**Please stand in body or in spirit as you are able.*

Prelude Kum-Ba-Ya Af/Am Spiritual, arr. Michael Herman
Alleluia Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Praise No. 14 For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

Call to Confession Lin Peters, liturgist
God does not reject our prayers. God does not withdraw love from us. Even when we fail to love others and struggle to love ourselves, God's love is steadfast. Let us lift our prayers to God, first in silent prayer.

Prayer of Confession
Holy One, we love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments. We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and inaction. We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace.

Declaration of Forgiveness
Because Christ lives, we also live. Not because of anything we have done, not because of our belief or faithfulness. We live because Christ lives. This is the God who forgives us. This is the God who is in us. This is the Spirit who is with us.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Response No. 614 Great Are You, Lord Michael W. Smith
Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just by your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

Passing the Peace
(When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity. When we pass the peace, we practice God's shalom.)

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Special Music KIDS SING M-O-M-M-YM-
I Love Her 'Cause She's My Mom Cindy Stratham Boyer
Leaders: Peggy Muse, Carla Sauers, Tonya Pittman, Hannah Passmore

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)
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.

***Offertory** For the Beauty of the Earth arr. Michael R. Keller
Alleluia Ringers

***Doxology** No. 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication** (Congregation will be seated following the prayer.)

Scripture I Peter 3:13-22, NT, pg. 234 Lin Peters, liturgist

Anthem Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Carl Schalk

Sermon "If You Love Me" Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

Scripture John 14:15-21, NT, pg. 109

***Hymn of Sending Forth** No. 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

Charge and Benediction

***Benediction Response** "This Little Light of Mine" V1,2 Trad. Spiritual
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3 X's) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine (3X's) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Postlude This Little Light of Mine arr. Mark Hayes