

Parish Hall Worship Service
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Sunday May 10, 2026, 10:30 AM

GATHERING SONG

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

I will rise in the early morning;
the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking
with my friends and my family.

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food.

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev'rything we have.

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

WELCOME

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,

now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING SONG

Spirit, Open My Heart

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.

Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear

to your grace I now surrender.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of friend and neighbor.
As I live from day to day,
love will be my finest labor.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

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Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find

him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ ²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

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Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING

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1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved

through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL

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John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

It’s About Love

It’s about love, pure sweet love
Sent from heaven above,
It’s all about love, it’s about love

First Corinthians 13, tells us all what love means
Love is kind and patient too, it does not envy it is not rude
Love protects and always trusts, it does not care for things not just
It does not anger easily or keep track of the wrongs we see

And though we have faith hope and love
the greatest of these is what life’s about

It's about love, pure sweet love
Sent from heaven above, it's all about love
It's about love, pure sweet love
Sent from heaven above, it's all about love, it's about love

For God so loved the world he gave His only Son to die for us
On that lonely wooden cross, so now our souls will not be lost
Love your neighbor as yourself and love the Lord above all Gods
Nothing will control a life like the love between a man and wife

And though we have faith hope and love
the greatest of these is what life's about

It's about love, pure sweet love
Sent from heaven above, it's all about love
It's about love, pure sweet love
Sent from heaven above, it's all about love, it's about love
It's all about love, it's about love

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APOSTLES' CREED

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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OFFERTORY SONG

They'll know we are Christians by our love.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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OFFERING PRAYER

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Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst
no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise

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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, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

PASTOR

COMMUNION HYMNS

A Mother's Love

A mother's love is heavenly, it's filled with warmth and peace
The love begins before the birth, the bond will never cease
Like the Lord's love that endures for all eternity
A mother's love is filled with warmth and peace

A mother's love is heavenly, it has no boundary
The measure of its depth goes on for infinity
Like the Lord's love that endures for all eternity
A mother's love it has no boundary

Oh Mary was the mother of our Lord, Savior, King
She watched her baby suffer on the cross

A mother's love is heavenly, it's like a gentle breeze
That softly blows away the fears, of life's uncertainties
Like the Lord's love that endures for all eternity
A mother's love is like a gentle breeze

Like the Lord's love that endures for all eternity
A mother's love is like a gentle breeze
A mother's love is like a gentle breeze
My love for you dear Mom will always be

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First Corinthians 13

Although I speak in the tongues of men and of angels
And though I prophesy and understand all
Although I have all faith so mountains may be removed
And though I feed the poor and give up my life

If I have not charity

If love does not flow through me
I am nothing, Jesus reduce me to love

Love is patient and kind
Love is not envious
Not proud but gentle and meek
Seeks not its own way
Love sings when Jesus prevails
Believes and endures all things
Love hopes and bears every wrong
And love never fails

If I have not charity
If love does not flow through me
I am nothing, Jesus reduce me to love

One season I was a child
I spoke and I thought as a child
But when I turned to a man
Such ways put aside
Though now I see through a glass
Yet we shall see face to face
Though now abide hope and faith
The greatest is love

If I have not charity
If love does not flow through me
I am nothing, Jesus reduce me to love

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✚ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

PASTOR

CLOSING SONG

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things

Act justly love mercy walk humbly
With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You God

It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
The truth will set us free

Act justly love mercy walk humbly
With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You God

It's beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven

It's beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed
The only way it grows

Act justly love mercy walk humbly
With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You God

Act justly love mercy walk humbly
With You God

In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You God

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Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!