



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Serving Christ and Neighbor in the Heart of Winchester & Beyond



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2020

WORSHIP ONLINE & AT HOME





You are invited from your home to participate in the elements of worship preceded in **BOLD**.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Rejoice the Lord is King"

Amy Bowman, piano

Jan Sanborn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives. We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another. We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat. We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

HYMN 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Jackie Lawall, soprano

ST. DENIO



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back.

Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.

And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance.

But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far.

Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn.

Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Todd Bowman

SONG "Glorious Day" Phil Griffin, vocals Mark Hall

SCRIPTURE Acts 17:22-31 and John 14:15-21

THE READING FROM JOHN

I Won't Leave You As Orphans

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

"I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

SERMON "Love, I'll Say it Again, Love" The Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.

RESPONSE

God strengthens us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

[...the petitions conclude...] Leader: And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray...

All: 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 "The Way That He Loves" Jackie Lawall, soprano Mercer

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SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

Leader: I bless you with joy, may you find moments of laughter and bliss in the midst of suffering and distress. May you cherish those times and may they sustain you.

I bless you with the fruits of humility. May your humble and sacrificial actions. Be instrumental in preserving your community and loving your neighbors.

I bless you with peace in the face of financial hardship and uncertainty. May you know the faithful presence of the God who provides.

Go in peace. Wash your hands. Love your neighbors. You are not alone.

POSTLUDE "Rondo" James Hook

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