



**Grace United Methodist Church  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 6, 2018 10:15 a.m.  
Confirmation**

*"Who Can Withhold? Break Forth!"*

*"For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace." -Isaiah 55:12a*

\*=Please stand as you are able

***Please sign and date the Welcome Book and pass it along to your neighbor.***

**WE GATHER**

**MUSIC FOR GATHERING**

**THE LITURGY OF LIFE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

**Thanks be to God!**

Let us take a moment to center our hearts on God.

**MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD**

**WE WORSHIP TOGETHER**

**MUSICAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Ava Steinbach and Maddie Thomas

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song.**

**Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.**

**Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long.**

**Dare to dance again!**

**\*OPENING HYMN UMH 139 (Red Hymnal) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

**\*GREETING OF PEACE**

Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH**

**CHILDREN'S SONG TFWS 2233 (Black Hymnal)**

*"This is Where Children Belong"*

This, this is where children belong,

welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song.

This is where children belong.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Children's Psalter**

Psalm 98

**ANTHEM**

*"Love is Love is Love is Love"*

by Abbie Betinis

Chapel Choir

**INVITATION TO THE WORD OF LIFE** Megan Heilskov and Ellie Naumann

**BIBLE STORY PRESENTATION: Noah's Ark**

Megan Heilskov

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 10:25-29a, 34-36, 44-48

**MESSAGE**

*"The Heart of the Matter"*

Pastor Dave Swinton

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Musical Invitation to Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

Lily Martin

**The Prayer Jesus Taught**

**Our Father (Mother, Creator)♠, 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. Amen.**

**Congregational Prayer Response UMH 328 (Red Hymnal)**

*“Surely the Presence of the Lord”*

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;**

**I can feel his mighty power and his grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;**

**surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

**The Invitation**

**The Offertory**

*“Roll Down, Justice!”*

by Mark Miller

Chapel Choir

(Congregation, please see insert & join in when directed)

**\*DOXOLOGY W&S 3017 (Green Hymnal)**

*“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity” (vs. 4)*

**Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,**

**We sing the praises of the Three: Creator, Spirit, Son.**

**Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,**

**to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.**

**WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD’S WORLD**

**\*HYMN OF GOING INTO THE WORLD TFWS 2129 (Black Hymnal)**

*“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”*

**I have decided to follow Jesus. (sing three times)**

**Refrain: No turning back, no turning back.**

Verse 2: We have decided to love our neighbors...

Verse 3: I have decided to work for justice...

Verse 4: We have decided to ask forgiveness...

Verse 5: I am excited to follow Jesus...

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE UMH 261 (Red Hymnal) “The Lord of the Dance” (chorus)**

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;**

**I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.**

**And I’ll lead you all wherever you may be,**

**And I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Worship Leaders:** Pastors Dave Swinton and Gary Nims; Brett Gregory, Director of Music; Ann Gerdorn, Organist; Devon Steve, Chapel Choir Director; Carol Crandall, Chapel Choir Accompanist; Coreen Witke, Confirmation Leader; Audrey Sargent and Kapri Sargent, acolytes.

*♠(In hymns and prayers, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching, and inclusive.)*

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