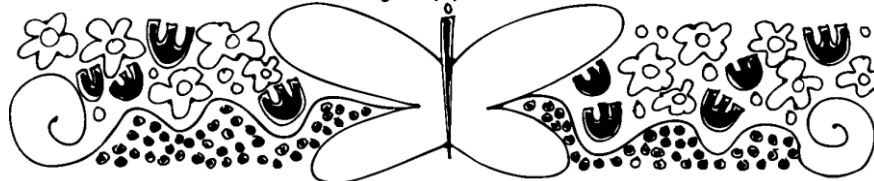


# Faith United Methodist Church

May 17, 2020



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Alleluia. Christ is Risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Hymn

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*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,*

*till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

### Opening Prayer

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 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, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 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 people, were saved through water. 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### Psalm 66

**R** – *O people, be glad and sing for joy! Declare God's glory in every land!*

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

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

You brought us into the net; you laid afflictions on our loins;  
**you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us forth to a spacious place. R**

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

**I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

Come and hear, all you who worship God, and I will tell what God has done for me.

**I cried aloud to God, who was highly praised with my tongue.**

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

**But truly God has listened, and has given heed to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me. R**

Hymn

*Abide with Me*

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*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. 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.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me,

and I in you. 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.'

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

**Response: Thanks Be to God. Amen.**

**Gospel Response:** *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

Children's Time

Special Music

*Where He Leads Me*

Prayer: Speak to us, Risen Christ, along this road: **explain the Scriptures, break open the bread of life, and set our hearts on fire with your love. Amen.**

Witness

*Into the Unknown: Promise*

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

Gloria Patri

*Gloria be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A-men. A-men.*

**Song of Prayer:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia give praise to his name.*

Prayers of the People

For our unity and the unity of your whole church in your mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With leaders at every level of our common life— villages, towns, states, nations, corporations, and international associations—that there may be peace and justice for all people. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the earth, that we may be and inspire others to be good stewards of all of the gifts of your creation. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With all who need your healing and deliverance, from physical or mental illness, isolation, deprivation, violence, and any form of oppression. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We gather all these prayers into the prayer your Son taught to us, **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. Amen.**

#### Confession & Pardon

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.

Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

[Silent Prayer]

Hear the Good News. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

Peace of Christ **“May the peace of Christ be with you.”**

**Song of Offerings: Do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do you remember me; do, Lord, oh Lord, oh do you, remember me; do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do you, remember me, way beyond the blue.**

#### Collecting of Tithes & Offering

*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### Hymn

*Because He Lives  
God sent His son, they called Him Jesus  
He came to love, heal and forgive  
He lived and died to buy my pardon*

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*An empty grave is there to prove my savior lives*

**Refrain** *Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living, just because He lives*

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy He gives  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain day, because He lives **Refrain***

*And then one day, I'll cross the river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then, as death gives way to victory  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns **Refrain***

Benediction

Benediction Response

*Lift High the Cross*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

## Prayer List

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Paul Arceneaux, Jr.  
Sidney Arceneaux  
Kim Craigen Ard  
Lucian Adams  
Dolores Anderson  
Johnny & Ovelia Battaglio  
Shirley Battaglio  
Linda Bergen  
Robert & Alicia Besser  
Lloyd Betar  
Mary Bevil  
Bonnie Blankenship  
Donna Suppa Bolton  
Jo Bordeaux  
Pat Borel  
Glenda Brooks  
Mary Callahan  
Ann Campbell  
Norma Campbell  
Robert & Roxie Castilaw  
Tana Champeau  
Rebecca Chance  
Billie Cherry  
Communities of Onalaska & Jasper  
Kim Wilber Conn  
Derick Cooper  
Kyle & Beth Craigen  
Dakota Crutchfield

Jimmy & Emily Davis  
Bobbye Dean  
Mary Delafosse  
Tammy Dufour  
Lane Duhe  
Julie Duplichan  
Joe Floyd  
*Family of Vance Gerald*  
Lorene Green  
Rachel Grimmatt  
MaryJo Hebert  
Christie Hale  
Edna & Raymond Jones  
Alice Kethley  
Shirley Kethley  
Kristie Key  
Clyde Landry  
*Family of Rose Latta*  
Gail Lauve  
Christi Leblanc  
Fred Ledesma  
Alice & Louis Loftin  
Orianna Marchand  
Matt Markos  
Barbara Martin  
Lloyd Martin  
Linda Meyers  
Maribeth Moore  
Ron & Michelle Mueller

Joyce Murphy  
Arnold Northcut  
Kelly Simmons Owens  
Jim Padgett  
John & Candance Perkins  
Melva Phillips  
Harlan Phipps  
Mercedes Pierson  
John Pool  
Kenny Puckett  
Buddy Renkema  
Nikki Castilaw Rice  
Edward Rivet  
Randy & Darlene Rivett  
Ezekiel Romero  
Joann Savelle  
Jim & Loretta Shearer  
Brooke Simon  
Harriet Simpson  
James Sowell  
Kim Streed  
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We are called to be:

**Transformed** by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

**Engaged** with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

**Celebrate**, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

**Share** the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

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