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**May 14, 2023**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Mother's Day/Blanket Sunday**

## Welcome

### Announcements

*Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.*

Prelude                      *“A Song for Mother’s Day”*                      Higgins

### **Prayer of Preparation** *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

*Lord, we ask you to bless all the mothers in the world today. Give them the strength to persevere through the challenges they face, the wisdom to guide their children in the right path, and the courage to overcome any obstacle that may come their way. Amen.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### **\*Call to Worship – Psalm 66:8-12, 20**

**L:** Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;

**P:** **he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.**

**L:** For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver.

**P:** **You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.**

**L:** You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

**P:** **Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!**

**\*Hymn**                      *“I Love to Tell the Story”*                      **RED #302**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Time of silence for personal reflection.

## Assurance of Pardon

### The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

\*Gloria Patri      *“Glory Be to the Father”*      PH #579

Chancel Choir      *“Lord, I Know I Been Changed”*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples      *“A Mother’s Day Tribute”*  
Linda Claussen

New Testament Reading I      1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel Reading      John 14:15-21

New Testament Reading II      Acts 17:22-31

Sermon      *“Revealing the Unknown God”*      Pastor Edgecombe

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn      *“Take My Life and Let It Be”*      RED #385

## Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: **hear our prayer.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### Offering

Offertory

*"Simple Gifts"*

Southbridge

**\*Doxology**

**PH #591**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*Hymn**      *"Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak"*      **PH #426**

### \*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*"Postlude on a Welsh Tune"*

Graham

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

WORSHIP LEADER:

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

ORGANIST:

Emma Lou Denton

PIANIST:

Julia Territo

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LITURGIST:

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***\*Please stand, if able***

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