



the sixth sunday of  
**easter**

*May 9, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.*  
*Happy Mother's Day*

Gathering and Welcome

Rev. Todd Smith

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Voluntary

*Andantino by Schubert*

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Call to Worship

L: Jesus has called us to leave our comfortable ways and venture forward with him.

**P: Lord Jesus, we are so often afraid, it is easier for us to remain bound to our habits.**

L: Jesus knows your fears and offers you healing.

**P: Lord Jesus, open our hearts and teach us your ways.**

Hymn #455

*All Creatures of our God and King*

Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Todd Smith

**Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Forgive us of and deliver us from our sin. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from your wisdom In Jesus name who taught us to pray. . .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 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.**

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Todd Smith

*Gloria Patri*



**Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it**



**was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men, A-men.**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**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; on 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.**

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Children's Lesson

Chrissie Galliher

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4 for whatever is born of God

conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5 Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

John 15:9-17

9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Todd Smith

In his commentary passage, Earl Palmer writes, "In this passage our Lord calls us his friends and gives us four tests or proofs, or signs of the friendship. Two signs or proofs are on his side and two signs or proofs of the friendship are on our side." He goes on to explain that, in what Jesus does for us, we are given the key to continuing that friendship after His departure.

What does Jesus do for us? He makes sure that we understand that we are his friends and that his idea of friendship is so committed that he would die in order to be able to secure and continue to be in relationship. In calling us friends, he makes it clear that this is not a servant/master relationship. It is a relationship that is based on trust. Jesus is confiding in them and entrusting the ministry to them.

How do we maintain that that relationship? That is answered in realizing how we return that trust. We return it by loving as Jesus loved and by continuing our relationship with Jesus, even after his death. How do we do that? Through prayer. It is only through prayer that the friendship continues. It is only through prayer that we can love as Jesus loved.

Once again, love and prayer are at the heart of inner peace and spiritual fulfillment.

Hymn # *We are One with the Spirit*

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Were You There* Kirsten Fitzsimmons  
Piano Solo

Doxology 592

*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 # 315 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Benediction Rev. Todd Smith

Postlude Kirsten Fitzsimmons

## All Creatures of Our God and King

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Francis of Assisi, 1225

Trans. and para. William Henry Draper, c. 1910; alt.

*Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; alt.

Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*Unison*

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice  
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail  
 3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for  
 4. Thou fer - tile earth, that day by day Un - fold - est bless -

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 in heaven a - long, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ings on your way, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou sil - ver moon with  
 Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, Ye lights of eve - ning,  
 Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, That giv - est us both  
 The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glo - ry

*Harmony*

soft - er gleam,  
 find a voice!  
 warmth and light, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 al - so show!

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5. And everyone of tender heart,  
 Forgiving others, take your part.  
 O sing ye! Alleluia!  
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
 Praise God and cast on God your care!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. All creatures, your Creator bless,  
 And worship God in humbleness.  
 O sing ye! Alleluia!  
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# We Are One in the Spirit 300

## They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain* (C) (Em)  
D<sup>b</sup> Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm B<sup>b</sup>m Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

## Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST Irregular

African-American spiritual  
 Arr. Joseph T. Jones (1902–1983)  
 Adapt. Melva W. Costen, 1989

African-American spiritual

*Refrain*

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

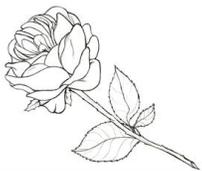
Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*

1. Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, Out of God's  
 2. Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and cold, It chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me,  
 bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train

it looked so fine, Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.  
 up - on this track; It runs to heav - en and then right back. *D.C.*

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- Chuck Saneman and family made a donation for flowers in the Sanctuary: In loving memory of Betty St. Clair Saneman and Jane Thompson Lyons, our mothers and grandmothers. We miss you - with love from Chuck, Kelley, Bailey, Reilly and Brandon Saneman

- A donation was made in loving memory of Dot Sexton, from Nancy & Michael Alexander and Jack & Betty Rogers

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A request from Donna Jones:

Please email [donnajones921@gmail.com](mailto:donnajones921@gmail.com) with the names of anyone buried in the cemetery or members of the congregation who have served in the military and in what branch of the service and if during a war. I am trying to compile a true list for a possible Memorial Day event with the Boys Scouts. Thanks, Donna

# Church Leadership

## Elders (Session) -- Meet 3rd Thursday each month

2021	2022	2023
Robert Dennison	Marsha Brooks	Ruth Walker
Kirk Jones	Gary Lowe	Polly Winkowski
Carol Morrow	Carmie Messenger	
Rita Taylor		

## Deacons -- Meet 1st Monday each month

2021	2022	2023
Sue Hinkley	Janet Henderson	Lynda McRee
Marylin Bradford	MaryLee Swift	Laurie Faulkner
Sandy Louderback	Terri Schwarz	Gail Lowe
Barbara Thompson		

## Trustees -- Meet 1st Tuesday each month

2021	2022	2023
Jan Berlage	Sam Fielder	Craig Messenger
Eric Clayton	Bob Horn	Brian Calary
Don Scott	Steve Kauffman	Bruce Mattheiss
Dave Hinkley	Chuck Saneman	John Cairnes

## Staff

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