

# Sunday, May 25

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



## OPENING SENTENCES

One: Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

## WELCOME

**PRELUDE** | The Peace May Be Exchanged

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*The Prelude, Offertory and Postlude are from Locklair's "Rubrics: A Liturgical Suite for Organ"*

## CALL TO WORSHIP |

One: Come and dwell with us, Spirit of peace

**All: Open our hearts to your word, our minds to your wisdom.**

One: Christ promises peace, not as the world gives

**All: Let us worship the God who calms our fears and gives us life!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ **HYMN #463** | How Firm a Foundation

+ **CALL TO CONFESSION**

+ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of compassion and peace, we confess that we have often closed our hearts to your gentle voice. You invite us to live in peace, but we cling to our anxieties and fears. You call us to share generously, yet we hesitate. Forgive us, gracious God. Fill us with courage to live your truth, embrace your peace, and love one another deeply. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

+ **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

+ **RESPONSE #240**

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.*

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.*

**SHARING THE FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN** | Todd Hockenbury

*(Children are invited to go upstairs to the nursery or Agape Kidz, for music and crafts.*

*All children are welcome to remain in the worship service too. We really do like having them around.)*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** | Margaret Fadeley

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** | Acts 16: 9-15 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 136)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** | John 14: 23-29 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 109)

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** | Rev. Tara N. Reck

+ indicates that the congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit.

**+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | from a Brief Statement of Faith**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.**

**+ HYMN #753 – Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBER TRACY JONES**

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT**

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

**Holy God, we praise you for calling us to service in your name and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number this new friend in the faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit and so support one another that we will grow in faith, hope, and love, and be true disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.**

**WELCOME**

**RESPONSE:**

**Bless Be The Tie That Binds  
Our Hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

*EACM Needs: cereal, diapers size 3 & 4, diced tomatoes, paper towels, dish soap, kleenex)*

*(Please take a moment to sign the pew pads and pass them down the row so we can get to know one another.)*

**OFFERTORY | Silence May Be Kept**

**Dan Locklair**

**+ DOXOLOGY #232**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

**Give Online:**



+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS/DEBTORS)**

**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.**

+ **HYMN #840** | When Peace Like a River

+ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** | Hallelujah has been restored

Dan Locklair

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**Our Concerns:** Rachel Root, Marsha Biven, Dee Hoge, Tom Knepshield and Rita Carlisle

*(Prayer concerns will remain on our list for a month unless an update is provided to extend the request.)*

Rev. Tara N. Reck, Pastor  
Dr. Robert Bozeman, Minister of Music  
Darla Talbert, Children's Music Director

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Like any gathering place, a church has a personality. Our historic building and beautiful sanctuary embody the spirit of tradition, yet our Sunday morning worship services are frequently punctuated by laughter. We are a proud member of PC (USA) and have been designated a Matthew 25 church with two foci: eradicating systemic poverty and dismantling structural racism. We have plentiful fellowship opportunities, classes for all ages, and outreach opportunities in which to participate. You can also find space here to recharge, linger in the depth of message and music, and connect with others who readily accept you and rejoice in varied opportunities to be the church together. There is a kind of space here into which all are invited to be themselves and to feel at home. Participate to the degree you feel comfortable.

Here is some information to help make you feel at home:

- An elevator is located outside the door on the lectern (right) side of the sanctuary.
- WIFI - Router Name: APC Wifi Password: apcSpirit
- Accessible restrooms are outside the door on the lectern (right) side, the main level below that (go left) and the lower level. Baby changing stations are available in the sanctuary level and lower level restrooms.
- Childcare is available upstairs in the nursery from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. every Sunday
- Activity Bags for children are located on the pew in the back of the sanctuary.
- During the offering, we take a collection of goods for Eastern Area Community Ministries (EACM). Each month's most needed goods are printed under the offering section.

## WAYS TO LEARN MORE

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If you would like to be added to our weekly emails, which have information about what is going on in the life of the church, you may do so:

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If you have questions, a pastor will be happy to talk with you at your convenience. Simply call the church office at (502) 245-5818, 8am – 2pm Monday-Thursday