

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.

PRELUDE What Wondrous Love is This Dale Wood

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 66

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

People: Who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done.

People: Truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Leader: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected our prayer or removed his steadfast love from us.

People: Come, let us worship God.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 487 (blue hymnal) When Morning Gilds the Skies *Laudes Domini*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We have been very busy this week, Lord, and we need a day of rest. We have been anxious and unhappy about many things, and we need a day of gladness. We have disobeyed you and broken harmony with your people and creation, so we need a day of forgiveness. We have been conflicted about the theories and opinions of others, so we need a day of truth. Give us this day rest, gladness, forgiveness and truth, through your blessed Son.

*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE Gloria Patri No. 579 (blue hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex

Glory 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 without end. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

I Samuel 1:19-28

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Carolyn Greenwood

Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-51

SERMON

"When Your Child Leaves Home"

Rev. John Linton Muntz

"I asked God for this child...so I am dedicating him to the Lord." – I Samuel 1:27

*HYMN NO. 255 (blue hymnal) Now Praise the Lord

St. Anne

COMMISSIONING VOLUNTEERS FOR MISSION TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Brian Bonnyman, Claire Bonnyman, Barbara Cline, Courtney Kovacs, Stephanie Lynch-Wright, Terrance McCracken, Rob McKeegan, Anna Milam, Megan Milam, William Milam, Anna Rennich, Sarah Rennich, Bonnie Rogers, Jennifer Collins

*PRAYER (Unison)

God of compassion, you charged us to go into all the world, and promised that you would be with us on our way. Look graciously upon these friends who travel from the comfort of home to the Dominican Republic, a place of adventure and need among neighbors in Christ. Strengthen them for the tasks that are ahead and bless them with joy in the doing, that your name may be glorified and your good will accomplished. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Let us have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Wiley and Emily Holt Wright, Karl Hammond

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer

(During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.)

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY Sarabande

Gerald Near

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)

Tallis' Canon

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 275 (blue hymnal) God of Our Life

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE Final

Gerald Near

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Leslie Rotella and Bill Farhnam.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JUNE: Carlene Robinson

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Jake Tidwell and Max Yates

GREETERS: John and Kathy Shilling

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Gary and Kim Hagan, Emma Adamcik and Clara Oakes

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Ellen Anderson

SENIOR USHER: Christie Dowling

USHERS: Scott and Ashley Porter, Tim and Joyce Ryan, Lisa Ellis

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Sue Caradine in loving memory of Jack and in honor of their twin granddaughters who shared his birthday.

OUR THANKS to Cindy Serbin for serving as organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is away.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is **next Sunday**. We bring this offering each "First Sunday," as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$200. Your support is greatly appreciated!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, May 30. Happy Memorial Day!

SUMMER LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Volunteers are needed to serve lemonade in the Schilling Gallery this summer following the 10:00 a.m. worship services. Please sign up on the bulletin board near Ginny's office.



BAGGING FOR FISH PANTRY: It's time to do our share in preparing food bags for the FISH Pantry. All bagging takes place at Church of the Savior on Weisgarber Road. With a sufficient number of baggers, it takes about an hour to fill the number of bags needed for the next week. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery for one of these dates:

Sunday, May 29, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 16, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 26, 4:00 p.m.

CAP (Caring for Aging Parents): The CAP support group will meet the second Sunday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, June 12. During the summer months, the meeting will be after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Starting in September, we will meet after the 11:00 a.m. service. Thus far, we have eight members participating. More are welcome if you feel this group would be helpful to you.

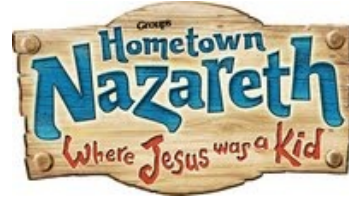
THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT STORE collection is scheduled for Saturday, June 4 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Clothing and small household items are appreciated. Volunteers are needed at Community Chest (971-4417) and at the Northwest FISH Hospitality Pantry (588-9200).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Age 3 - Rising 5th grade

Sunday, June 19, 3:00-6:00 p.m. (followed by a cookout)

Monday, June 20-Thursday, June 23, 9:00 a.m-noon



This year, we will combine with Erin Presbyterian Church and West Emory Presbyterian Church. We will meet at Erin Presbyterian, located at 200 Lockett Road.

Our curriculum is "Hometown Nazareth." We will experience what it might have been like living and working in the dusty town of Nazareth, just before Jesus began his ministry.

We need 10 volunteers to help lead marketplace shops and 1 volunteer to help lead games. Middle and High School youth are welcome to help in all areas.

Please place in the offering plate:

Registration:

Child's name: _____ Age: _____

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Volunteer Registration:

Lead Marketplace Shops: _____

Lead Games: _____

Middle/High School Helper: _____