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Order of Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Where you see an asterisk (), please rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (10:30) — “Meine Seele erhebt den Herren”

(“My Soul Magnifies the Lord”) — J. S. Bach

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“Kelvingrove” (“Will You Come and Follow Me”)

— Matthew H. Corl

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

PRELUDE — “St. Thomas” (“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”) — Robert A. Hobby

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We cannot come to know God as Father

People: Until we experience the Church as our joyful Mother.

Leader: As a father has mercy on his children,

People: So the Lord has mercy on those who revere him.

Leader: As a mother comforts her children,

People: So the Lord truly comforts us.

Leader: Then let our souls be calmed and quieted,

People: Like a child held close to their mother's heart.

*OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN #310 — “I Love Your Kingdom Lord” (8:30 vv. 1, 3, and 4)**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another by letting the spirit of the world divide us into false categories of wealth and poverty, race and nationality, gender, age, politics, and social standing. Forgive us for rebuilding the walls that Christ tore down at Calvary. We have not followed in Jesus' way, truth, and life, preferring to follow those of our own making. By your holy grace, restore to us the joy of our salvation. Renew within us the desire to be your one family of faith, hope, and love.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #551

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA — #581 “Glory Be to the Father”**

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, amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC — “O Love” — Elaine Hagenberg

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Luke 1:46-55 — pg. 57 in NT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Philippians 1:1-18a — pg. 196 in NT

Leader: This is the good news we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE — “The Joys of Mother Church”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN #726 — “Will You Come and Follow Me” (10:30 only; vv. 1, 3, and 5)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (pg. 35 in *Glory to God* Hymnal)

OFFERING

Offertory (8:30) — “Will You Come and Follow Me” — Trad. Scottish, arr. John L. Bell

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(10:30) — “Breathe on Me, Breath of God ”— Richard Ellsasser

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***Doxology — #607**

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**

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN #14 — “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

Verse 5: For thy church that evermore

Lifteth holy hands above,

Offering up on every shore

Her Pure sacrifice of love,

Lord of all, to thee we raise

This our hymn of grateful praise.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION — “And the Peace of God” — Henry Purcell

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POSTLUDE — “Dix” (“For the Beauty of the Earth”) — Craig Phillips

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Pastors:

The Rev. Sandra Stogsdill Nichols, *Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. Neil Weatherhogg, *Pastor Emeritus*

Liturgist: Angie Varney (8:30)

Phil Baker (10:30)

Music Staff:

Dr. Kevin Kellim, *Director of Music*

Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans, *Organist*

Dr. Cynthia Neufeld Smith, *Assistant Organist*

Norma Pettijohn, *Organist Emeritus*

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