



Service of Worship, 6th Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020 10:00am

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”
Linda Dover, organist

J.S. Bach, arr. Jim Lucas

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*unison*)

**Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips.
Even when we are feeling isolated and fearful,
we can glorify the One who holds our hands in our loneliness.
Come into the presence of the One who makes holy
every place, every space, holy and sacred.
Even where we continue to stay safe in our homes,
the doors of grace are flung wide open for us.
Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.
In living rooms, on laptops and devices,
We will sing our songs and tell those tales
of the peace and of the hope which is ours.!**

SINGING

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”
Praise Team & Congregation
*(Lyrics are projected, or you may sing from the
imbedded lead sheet, following the director’s cue.)*

by Brian Doerksen

“Meet Us Here”

by Dan Marks

CHECKING IN WITH STEWART STUART

PRAYER OF ASKING (*unison*)

Holy God, we come together to worship, not in body but in spirit, a people who would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls, with all our might, but there are so many other things in our lives that clamor for our attention that we often relegate you to Sundays and Wednesdays, and times when we want you to rescue us.

Most of us really do want you to be the one in whom we live and move and have our being. We really do want to hear your voice above all of the other voices in our lives. But we get bogged down in the daily routine. We forget who we are. We forget who you are. We forget what the church is supposed to be.

So here we are, standing before you today, with our human weaknesses and our short attention spans, asking that you would make yourself known to us, that you would help us to recognize the presence of the Holy, that you would continue to challenge us, inspire us, and make us into the people you want us to be. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone.

And also with you and all others!

SINGING

“How Great Is Our God ” by C. Tomlin, E. Cash, & J. Reeves

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (*unison*)

...as Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying:

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.

Equipping

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

The Acts of the Apostles 17:22-28 (**CEB*)
Connor Chaffin, confirmand

²²Paul stood up in the middle of the council on Mars Hill and said, “People of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. ²³As I was walking through town and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: ‘To an unknown God.’ What you worship as unknown, I now proclaim to

you. ²⁴God, who made the world and everything in it, is Lord of heaven and earth. He doesn't live in temples made with human hands. ²⁵Nor is God served by human hands, as though he needed something, since he is the one who gives life, breath, and everything else. ²⁶From one person God created every human nation to live on the whole earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷God made the nations so they would seek him, perhaps even reach out to him and find him. In fact, God isn't far away from any of us. ²⁸In God we live, move, and exist. As some of your own poets said, 'We are his offspring.'

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

The Acts of the Apostles 17:29-31 (*CEB)

²⁹“Therefore, as God’s offspring, we have no need to imagine that the divine being is like a gold, silver, or stone image made by human skill and thought. ³⁰God overlooks ignorance of these things in times past, but now directs everyone everywhere to change their hearts and lives. ³¹This is because God has set a day when he intends to judge the world justly by a man he has appointed. God has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“To an Unknown God”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

ONLINE OFFERING

(You may submit your offering through our online giving portal at www.gcpc.org/give)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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SINGING

“God of Wonders”

by Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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**Common English Bible*

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