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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021 (Mother's Day)



Holy Spirit, Saint Paul Church, Yellow Springs, Ohio

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"Increase in humanity. Multiply the likeness of God for which you have the potential. Multiply the fullness of humanity that is found in Christ. Fill the earth with the glory of God. Increase in creativity. Bring into being that which God can look upon and pronounce 'good,' even 'every good.'" ~Mercy Amba Oduyoye

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Blessed is God, who hears our prayers, whose steadfast love endures forever.

PRELUDEPRELUDE ON SONG 13 BY ORLANDO GIBBONS
BY RALPH VAUGHN WILLIAMS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 131)

Holy God, who nurtures our lives with hope, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great or marvelous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,

like a weaned child with its mother.

Holy God, my hope is in you,

from this time on and forevermore.

Come, let us worship God.

HYMNAs THOSE OF OLD THEIR FIRSTFRUITS BROUGHTGTG #712Words by Frank von ChristiersonFOREST GREEN

CHILDREN'S MOMENT RUNAWAY BUNNY MARGARET WISE BROWN

BLESSING OF THE NURTURERS

Children may be dismissed to Sunday School.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE

BE NOT AFRAID Taizé Community and Jacques Berthier GTG #243 be not afraid

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Scripture announces that this is a true saying and is to be universally accepted: **Christ came into the world to save sinners**.

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Friends, in Christ you are forgiven. **Know this and be at peace.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ALLELUIA	HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!	GTG #591
	Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell	HALLE HALLE

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING	ACTS 1:12, 14, 20-26	(NRSV)		
Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. Thanks be to God.				
PSALM 131	AS A CHILD RESTS By Christopher Walker	GTG #474		
SECOND READING	John 15:9-17	(NRSV/CEB)		
SERMON	FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT	Rev. Wigger		

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. ... In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY Words by Thomas Ken GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- SENDING –

HYMN

THOUGH I MAY SPEAK Words by Hal H. Hopson GTG #693 GIFT OF LOVE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

PRELUDE IN A FLAT MAJOR

J.S. BACH



Coffee and tea are available in the gathering room. You are invited to grab a cup and head to the courtyard for (socially-distanced) fellowship.

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: the *Book of Common Worship*, PC(USA); and the Presbyterian *Outlook*, John Wurster. GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal