



“Indeed he is not far from each one of us.”

- Acts 17:27

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 66:8-12

Leader: Bless our God, wherever you are; Let the sound of God's praise be heard.

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

Leader: We are tried and tested. We are burdened and we struggle.

People: Yet God has brought us to this spacious time and place.

Leader: Therefore we praise God in song.

*HYMN

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” (vs 1, 2 & 3)

Charles Dickerson

**From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land by every tongue.**

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends thy word.
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.**

**Your lofty themes, ye mortals, bring,
In songs of praise divinely sing,
The great salvation loud proclaim,
And shout for joy the Savior's name.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Holy God, through Christ we are given all the riches of your steadfast faithfulness. Yet we allow ourselves to fall into the trap of being enticed by the empty promises and shallow attractions that surround us. By your Spirit and through your power for life, transform and renew us so that we may follow you each day with humility and devotion. Be the song in our hearts and the vision before us.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

John Nelson

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

“Bright Morning Stars”

3rd service ensemble

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Jonathan Chute

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures, here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

- Acts 17:22-31

Paul speaks to the people of Athens

John Nelson

SERMON

“Searching for the Not-Yet-Known”

April Herron

HYMN

“Maker in Whom We Live” vs 1 & 4

Charles Dickerson

**Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
The glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.**

**Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
While earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.**

**Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
Let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,
Sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.**

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

Althea Waites

3rd service ensemble:

Paula Kuno – guitar/mandolin/vocals

Teresa James – piano/flute/vocals

Michael Starr – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals

Zach Provost – piano/vocals

Cory Tramontelli – bass/vocals

Jack Sollecito – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus

Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director

Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse

Megan Pelc, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director

Debra DeLuca, Children’s Ministry Director

Kristin Rekse, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor

Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director

Althea Waites, Organist

Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music

John Fitzgerald, Treasurer

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Roksolana Vecerek, Exec. Asst. to Pastor

Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.

Miguel Portillo, Custodian