

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**11:00 a.m.**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 21, 2017**

*“Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.” Jeremiah 33:3*

**PRELUDE** Fantasy on Easter Hymn William H. Harris

**INTROIT** Blessed Jesus, at Your Word *Tune: LIEBSTER JESU*

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN** No. 282 *Tune: DOWN AMPNEY*  
Come Down, O Love Divine

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Eternal God, whom we could not seek unless you had first sought us, give us responsive hearts today. Deepen our worship with the spirit of penitence. Save us from ignoble self-complacency. Startle us out of our self-deceit by some arresting vision of your purpose for us in Christ. Give us the grace of repentance, the humility that asks forgiveness, and the power that leads to amendment of life. Then, send us out as a company of Christ's disciples, eager to further his work, fervent in sharing his gospel, and faithful in serving his Kingdom, we ask it in the name of Christ. Amen.

**KYRIE** Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. No. 288  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

## **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; No. 634  
Let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;  
Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

## **\*WORDS OF PEACE**

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Peace be with you.  
(Please greet your neighbors with words of God's peace.)

## **WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

**ANTHEM**

God So Loved the World  
Chancel Choir

John Stainer

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Clarify our thoughts, Almighty God, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Deepen our faith and courage, and send us out to lay fresh hold on life because you have laid strong hold on us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 43:1-3

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**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

John 14:15-21

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**SERMON**

“The World is Clueless”

Dr. Williams

*“This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him.” John 14:17*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1991

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.

**\*HYMN**

No. 408

*Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT*

There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

**THE PRAYERS****OFFERING****OFFERTORY**

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments

Thomas Tallis

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)****\*HYMN**

No. 366

*Tune: HYFRYDOL*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*Tune:* IN BABILONE

**\*POSTLUDE**

The Strife Is O'er

Noel Rawsthorne

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\*Congregation please stand.