



Welcome! We invite you to worship, grow & serve with us to see transformed lives reflecting the love of Christ!

MAY 14, 2023, THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Maria Campbell

Song of Praise

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#384 UMH

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Transforming God, you have taken the darkness and recreated a world filled with light and hope.

People: Come and hear the good news of God's love for all creation.

Liturgist: Restoring God, you have turned defeat into victory, and re-created a world filled with peace and shalom.

People: Come and hear the good news of God's awesome powers.

Liturgist: Renewing God, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs of praise, worship and thankful prayers. You alone are God!

People: Come and hear the good news of God's blessings on us all. All glory and honor belong to God alone. Amen.

Children's Moment

Centering Song

Grace Alone

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Scripture

Psalm 68:8-9, 16-20

The earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; Why do you look with envy, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his abode, where the Lord will reside forever? With mighty chariotry, twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands, the Lord came from Sinai into the holy place. You ascended the high mount, leading captives in your train and receiving gifts from people, even from those who rebel against the Lord God's abiding there. Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belongs escape from death.

Pastoral Prayer

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.*

Anthem I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry Women's Ensemble

Scripture 1 Peter 3:13-18

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Message *Always Be Ready* Rev. Maria Campbell

Offertory

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*

Dedication of Offering

Gracious God, we thank you for revealing yourself to us. We trust that you will provide all that we need for the journey ahead. Help us to be faithful in our living and our giving. May our offerings be multiplied for the good of your creation. Amen.

Closing Song Leaning on the Everlasting Arms #133 UMH

Blessing

Postlude

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5.14.23 Worship Song Sheet

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #384 UMH

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Grace Alone #2162 TFWS

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.

Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.

Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.

Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms #133 UMH

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;

O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.