Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023 8:00am & 10:30am



Colombe au soleil (Dove with Sun) Pablo Picasso (1881-1973) executed in 1962 As we gather before the service begins, we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation. Please recycle your bulletin. Bins are located at the entrances.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Partita on Laudate Dominum Trish Rooney, organist

Opening Hymn

O praise ye the Lord!

Hymn #432

Callahan

(stand as you are able) **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant:Alleluia.(†) Christ is risen.People:The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Gloria in Excelsis

People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



Collect for The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.Celebrant:Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

New Testament A Reading from Acts

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God



Psalm 66:7-18

- 7 Bless our / God you peoples; * make the / voice <u>of his</u> praise <u>to be</u> heard;
- 8 Who holds our / souls in life, * and will not al-/low our feet to slip.
- 9 For you O / God have proved us; * you have tried us/ just as <u>silver</u> is tried.
- 10 You brought us / <u>into</u> the snare; * you laid heavy / <u>burdens</u> upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through / fire and water; * but you brought us out / <u>into</u> a place <u>of re</u>-freshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings, and will / <u>pay you</u> my vows, * which I promised with my lips, and spoke with my / mouth <u>when I</u> was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the / smoke of rams; * I will / give you<u>oxen</u> and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you / who fear God, * and I will tell you / what <u>he has</u> done for me.
- 15 I called out to him / with my mouth, * and his / praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil / in my heart, * the / Lord would not have heard me;



17 But in truth / God has heard me; * he has attended / to the voice <u>of my</u> prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not re-/jected my prayer, * nor with/-held his love from me.

Glory to the Father and / to the Son,* And / to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the be-/ginning, is now,*

And will / be for ever. Amen.

New Testament

(cont.)

A Reading from First Peter

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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

I Peter 3:13-22

Gradual Hymn

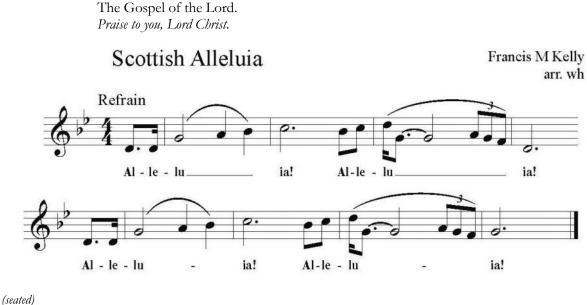
The Gospel The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

John 14:15-21

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."



Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God. the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially Ann, Linnea, Patrick, Jan, Naomi, Colin and the victims of gun violence.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, especially Sonny.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Let us pray for our own needs, for those of others, and for those celebrating birthdays, especially Ginny *Hatwich* (05/17), Stan *McGroarty* (05/17), Julie *Beck* (05/18), Dennis *Horton* (05/18), and Sean *Cramer* (05/20).

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant:The Peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

Every Time I Think About Jesus

(8:00 am spoken) Offertory Response

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord. *People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

(10:30am sung) Offertory Response

Hymn #191 vs. 5

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia! to the Savior who has won the victory; Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity: Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(standing)

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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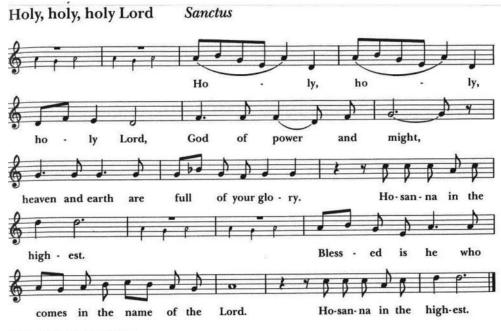
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (8:00am spoken)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. (†) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(10:30am sung)



Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

> On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." (†)

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." (†)

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.* Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn

O all ye works of God

Hymn #428

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing (†)

Celebrant: \mathbf{M} ay almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. Amen. May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen. May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen. (standing) **Recessional Hymn** All creatures of our God and King Hymn #400 Dismissal Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia. Postlude Partita on Laudate Dominum Callahan

Note about the cover

Pablo Picasso, one of the most celebrated artists of the 20th century, used the dove as a symbol of resilience and peace. During combat, the dove ascended triumphantly above the violence of war, symbolized by the messy, angular, sharp juxtaposition of branches. The dove is flying with its wings fully open, high above a bonfire of war. Peace triumphs war. Picasso's first dove of peace, chosen as the emblem for the First International Peace Conference in Paris in 1949, was a traditional, realistic picture of the bird, which he continued to draw throughout his life. The dove here is drawn by four simple lines (tail, left-wing, right wing, and body). He would have drawn this within a few minutes, yet its impact lasted decades. www.christianart.org

<u>Announcements</u>

Book Club will meet Tuesday, June 13th at 7pm on Zoom. Book group will read "The Great Fire" by Shirley Hazzard. The Great Fire is an extraordinary love story set in the immediate aftermath of the great conflagration of the Second World War. In war-torn Asia and stricken Europe, men and women, still young but veterans of harsh experience, must reinvent their lives and expectations, and learn, from their past, to dream again.

Book Club will also meet via zoom July 11th at 7pm. July's book is "Many Lives Many Masters" by Brian L. Weiss. As a traditional psychotherapist, Dr. Brian Weiss was astonished and skeptical when one of his patients began recalling past-life traumas that seemed to hold the key to her recurring nightmares and anxiety attacks. His skepticism was eroded, however, when she began to channel messages from the "space between lives," which contained remarkable revelations about Dr. Weiss' family and his dead son. Using past-life therapy, he was able to cure the patient and embark on a new, more meaningful phase of his own career.

<u>Ascension Day is Thursday, May 18.</u> Join us in the undercroft from 5:30-7:30 pm for drinks, appetizers, desserts, and activities for kids. This year in conjunction with the Church of England, we spend time discussing Thy Kingdom Come (TKC), a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Every person, household, and church is encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. Materials will be provided for adults, young people, and children.

Dining Out Group will meet next Thursday, May 25 at 11:30. We will dine out next at Alchemy's at Alden Golf Club on Reid Farm Road enjoying the lush green rolling hills, peaceful ponds, and wildlife as well as their menu. Call Mary to make your reservation. All welcome.

Friday, May 19, 2023 Garden Bazaar Sidewalk Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Court Street. Court Street United Methodist Church, rain or shine.

Thursday, May 25th 6:00 - 8:00 pm Central United Methodist Church is hosting a dinner and discussion group sponsored by the Anti-Racism Task Force. Cost \$5 (payable at the door) Meal, presentation by Dr. Wonhee Anne Joh, panel discussion and table discussions around Asian History and Culture. Before attending the event, it is recommended to watch the documentary Being Asian in America by Pew Research Center analysis based on 66 focus groups conducted in the fall of 2021, Asian American participants described navigating their own identity in a nation where the label "Asian" brings expectations about their origins, behavior and physical self.

<u>The women of the parish have not gathered</u> for a time of rest, reflection, and socializing these past few years, and Diane would like to facilitate a Women's Retreat from September 8-10. If you are interested, please speak with her.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m.	Lector: Tyler Hillman
10:30 a.m.	Crucifer/Server: Tyler Hillman 1st Reading: Jennifer Smith
	2nd Reading: Michael Smith
	Prayers of the People: Tamara Ross Altar Guild: Tyler Hillman
	Usher: Michael Smith & John Birnbaum

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