

**June 6, 2021**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**



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**We are filled with joy at your presence and hope you experience God's Spirit as you worship and meet with those around you. If you would like more information about RPC, please talk with any Session member or the Pastor.**

**Bold Letters -- Indicate congregational response**

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**maker of heaven and earth.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Morning Has Broken*

**#664**

**1 Morning has broken  
like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.**

**Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!**

**2 Sweet the rain's new fall  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.**

**Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where God's feet pass.**

**3 Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation;  
praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
of the new day!**

## **Opening Prayer**

God of all glory,  
on this first day you began creation,  
bringing light out of darkness.  
On this first day you began your new creation,  
raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of death.  
On this Lord's Day grant that we,  
the people you create by water and the Spirit,  
may be joined with all your works  
in praising you for your great glory.  
Through Jesus Christ,  
in union with the Holy Spirit,  
we praise you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Call to Confession**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins. Trusting in God's grace, let us, together, confess our sin.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess  
our failure to be what you created us to be.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.  
By your loving mercy,  
help us to live in your light  
and abide in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*Silence is kept for personal confession*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Thanks be to God,  
Amen.**

**Response in Praise**

***Praise to God the Father***

**#605**

**Praise to God the Father;  
praise to God the Son;  
praise to God the Spirit:  
praise to the Three-in-One.  
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.  
Praise to God Almighty;  
praise to the Holy One.**

## **THE WORD**

### **A Time with the Children**

#### **First Reading**

**Genesis 1:1-2:4**

Lay Leader: Rachel Jung

**1** In the beginning when God created<sup>[a]</sup> the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God<sup>[b]</sup> swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. **6** And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” **7** So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. **8** God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. **9** And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. **11** Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. **14** And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. **16** God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. **17** God set them in the dome of the sky to give

light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humankind<sup>[c]</sup> in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,<sup>[d]</sup> and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind<sup>[e]</sup> in his image, in the image of God he created them;<sup>[f]</sup> male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup> God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**2** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

**Thanks be to God.**

1 Joyful is the dark,  
holy, hidden God,  
rolling cloud of night beyond all naming:  
majesty in darkness,  
energy of love,  
Word-in-flesh, the mystery proclaiming.

2 Joyful is the dark  
Spirit of the deep,  
winging wildly o'er the world's creation,  
silken sheen of midnight  
plumage black and bright,  
swooping with the beauty of a raven.

3 Joyful is the dark,  
shadowed stable floor;  
angels flicker, God on earth confessing,  
as with exultation,  
Mary, giving birth,  
hails the infant cry of need and blessing.

4 Joyful is the dark  
coolness of the tomb,  
waiting for the wonder of the morning;  
never was that midnight  
touched by dread and gloom:  
darkness was the cradle of the dawning.

5 Joyful is the dark  
depth of love divine,  
roaring, looming thundercloud of glory,  
holy, haunting beauty,  
living, loving God.  
Hallelujah! Sing and tell the story!

**Together, We Confess Our Faith**

**The Apostle's Creed (Traditional)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he

descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## RESPONDING

### Invitation to Present Our Tithes and Offerings

#### Offertory

**Doxology**                    *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**#606**

#### Prayer of Dedication

Eternal God,  
we praise you that your glory has dawned on us,  
and brought us into this Day of Resurrection.  
We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son,  
and that he has conquered death,  
risen to rule over all powers of this earth.  
We praise you that he summons us into new life,  
to follow him with joy and gladness.  
By your Spirit,  
lift us from doubt and despair,  
and set our feet in Christ's holy way,  
that our lives may be signs of his life,  
and all we have may show forth his love.  
Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you,  
our God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Communion Hymn**                    **Come to the Table of Grace**

**#507**

**1** Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.  
**2** Come to the table of peace...  
**3** Come to the table of love...

**4 Come to the table of hope...**

**5 Come to the table of joy...**

## **Invitation to The Lord's Table**

### **Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.  
You created the world and called it good  
and made us in your image to live together in love.  
You made a covenant with us,  
and even when we turned from you,  
you remained ever faithful.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

**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.**

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.  
He lived among us and told your story.  
He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.  
He shared our pain and died our death,  
then rose to new life that we might live,  
and all creation be restored.

Remembering your boundless love  
revealed to us in Jesus Christ,  
we break bread and share the cup,



giving ourselves to you  
to live for him in joy and praise.  
Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ  
and that we may be his body for the world.  
By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another  
until we feast with him and with all your saints  
in your eternal realm of justice and peace.  
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Breaking the Bread**

#### **Communion**

*Please partake of the communion elements at home as the participants in the sanctuary partake.*

#### **Prayer after Communion**

### **SENDING**

#### **Opportunities for Service and Fellowship**

#### **Sending Hymn**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**#14**

**1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,**

for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

*Refrain:*

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light: (*Refrain*)

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: (*Refrain*)

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (*Refrain*)

5 For thyself, best gift divine  
to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven: (*Refrain*)

### **Blessing and Charge**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**Alleluia!**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Amen.**

**Response**

**Be Still and Know That I Am God**

**#414**

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

**Postlude**