

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 9, 2021

“Christ leads us out of confinement into the open air of God.”

Prelude “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman

Call to Worship

Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (words on next page)

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Sharon Dinwiddie

Loving God, we confess that during these long and difficult times, we have often lost hope. We have focused on the problems of the world around us, and lost sight of the goodness that You breathe into our lives. Help us, we pray, to be more faithful. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

Anthem: “Canon of Peace”...Liebergen

Choral Ensemble

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, piano; Toni DiCapua, organ
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New Testament Reading: Galatians 2:1-11

Sermon: “Out of Confinement”

Rev. Anne Swanson

Hymn of Response: Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (words on next page)

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Prayers of the People

Leland Morine

Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace (words on next page)

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Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

Postlude “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

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 the promised rest;
Take away the love of 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, nevermore 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.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

CANON OF PEACE (Choral Ensemble)

Dona nobis pacem.

Grant us peace.

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight, are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snare, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we'd first begun.

GO NOW IN PEACE

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true, know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe, reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.