

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

May 14, 2023

9:30 a.m.

*“What happens when our world falls apart? How do we press onward
when our tightly-knit plans unravel into loose threads?
What do we become when our identity—
or the path we're on—comes undone?”*

WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE

Toni DiCapua

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling ... arr. Michael Burkhardt

Toni, organ; Julie Larson, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lou Pennebaker

Leader: God of mystery, You called Ananias by name,
and he responded,

People: “Here I am.”

Leader: You called Paul to the work of your Church,
and he responded

People: By giving his life to your Word.

Leader: Similarly, you call us into community and faith,

**People: So we respond with love and time,
energy and hope. We respond with worship.**

Leader: Let us worship the God of transformation and grace.

All: Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of new life, when our lives depend on faith, we forget your surprising grace. Instead, we draw lines around enemies and friends, who's in and who's out. We see the "other," faster than we see our "neighbor," and refuse second chances.

Pull the scales from our eyes. Help us see as you see. Help us live as you live, and forgive us when we fail to. Humbly we pray, Amen.

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

No. 579

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 30

Bob Kraut

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* Those who wish may stand.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Lord, I Want to Do Your Will... David Lantz

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist
(CCLI #20405356)\

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9:1-20

pg. 1706

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Renée Rico

“Discovering a New Path”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN

No. 341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Inside Cover of Hymnal

Go Now in Peace

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toni DiCapua

I Must Tell Jesus... arr. Joel Raney