

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Sixth Sunday of Easter

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Yeshua said: I will give you that which no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no hand has touched, and no human heart has conceived.* Gospel of Thomas - Login 17

### PRELUDE

*Pastorale*

Phillip Hayes

### WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

### INTROIT

*Oh, Every Morn* (Apalachian Folksong)

arr. Michael Burkhardt  
Joyful Noise Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today is the first day of our week.

**All: A holy day, a holy week. Lord, help us to find peace and joy in this week.**

One: Open your hearts and receive God's breath of new life. Open your ears and listen for God's leading.

**All: Lord, help us to be ready to hear your words of life.**

One: Come, let us worship our God with great joy!

**All: Praise be to God, who still speaks to us each day.**

### \*HYMN

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

GG: 469-repeat 3x

### OPENING PRAYER

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 150, pg. 583

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Lord, we are a people of selective hearing. We often choose to hear only what we want to hear, to focus on your call to us as Christians, so long as it does not inconvenience us too greatly or make us too uncomfortable. Lord, forgive us our**

**stubborn ways. You keep speaking with such patience, even when we tune out your words of grace and love or ignore your instructions on how to create a world of deeper relationship, lasting peace and vibrant joy. Please don't ever stop speaking to us. Give us ears to hear you. Quiet our loud world and let us listen more closely for you.**

*(A time of silent confession)*

*Amen.*

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Hear now the good news - God forgives us all things.

**All: We are wrapped in God's grace, comforted by words of love and compassion.**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you!**

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

## HEARING THE WORD

### ANTHEM

*The Lamb*

Theodore Chandler  
Christopher Linares, soloist

### A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### \*HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

GG: 625

SCRIPTURE: Portions of Mark 4, pg. 38

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Opening Your Senses: Let Them Hear”

Rev. Jean Holmes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Courante*

J. S. Bach

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host;**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**All: 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 debts as we forgive  
our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For**

**Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

GG: 451

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

John Staneley

\*All who are able please stand.