

**6th Sunday of Easter  
May 25, 2025**

**GATHERING:** *God invites us to enter His presence*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** *(Time for Silent Preparation)*



**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)*

*Dennis Lesher*

The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today  
is the same Jesus who refused the temptation  
to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious  
kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross,  
and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.  
Now are gathered in him all the treasures  
of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power.  
With the saints of all ages we say,  
**“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom  
and strength and honor and glory and praise!”**  
—based on Colossians 2:3; Revelation 5:12



**INVOCATION** *(Responsively)*

*Dennis Lesher*

Praise be to you, LORD,  
the God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.  
**Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,**  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.  
**Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.**  
Wealth and honor come from you;  
you are the ruler of all things.  
**In your hands are strength and power  
to exalt and give strength to all.**  
Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name.  
—1 Chronicles 29:10-13, NIV



**OPENING HYMN 1**      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**CONFESSING:** *God invites us to be honest with Him*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Dennis Lesher*

God's Word assures us:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.  
—based on 1 John 1:8-9, NRSV

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Dennis Lesher*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future  
in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and  
image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

## TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Dennis Lesher*

There is now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
—Romans 8:1, NIV

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*  
**All: Thanks be to God**

### 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.  
A-men, A-men*

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You*  
**All: And also with you**

**OFFERING:** *Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves  
to Him*

**INVITATION** What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?  
I will give what I have promised in the presence of all God's people.  
—from Psalm 116:12, 14, NRSV

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Just a Closer Walk With Thee*  
*Dan Baker, Dennis Lesher*

*Kenneth Morris*

### DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you.  
You fill us with good things. Our hearts and lives overflow with your abundance. With thanksgiving, we bring to you our time, talents, and tithes. Use these gifts that you have given us to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others as we have been served, and to bless others as we have been blessed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## PREPARATION HYMN 382 *Be Thou My Vision*

**PROCLAIMING:** *God speaks to us through His Work*

**SCRIPTURE READING** *John 15:1-8*

**15** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** Every branch in me that does not produce fruit he removes, and he prunes every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce more fruit. **3** You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4** Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me. **6** If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. **7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. **8** My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be<sup>[a]</sup> my disciples.

**SERMON** *“Remain in Me”  
Rev. Tim Latham*

## SONG OF RESPONSE *Abide with Me (See Screen)*

**RESPONDING:** *We respond to God’s Word*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH *(In Unison)*


Christ Jesus,  
though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
to the glory of God:

**Jesus Christ is Lord!**

—from Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV


**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**COMMISSIONING**: *God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

 **COMMISSION SONG** *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

**BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

 *Please stand if you are able.*