

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *Psalm 17*, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson Youth Bells

Opening Prayer-All Uniting

Liturgist: Rev. Mearle Griffith

God of light and love, we come this morning with eyes stinging from the brightness of your glory. We have become so accustomed to the darkness, that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us. Open our eyes to the light of your dawn, that our souls may be flooded with love and mercy and joy. Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort and peace and security, that we may find rest in your loving, protective presence. Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us, that we may lead lives committed to your Way. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn *Shine, Jesus, Shine* TFWS 2173

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

P: To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God’s glorious presence has appeared.

L: God is indeed our light and our salvation.

P: We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.

L: Let us worship our God of light and promise.

P: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

Graduating Senior Recognition

Delaney Doup

High School-Ava Burson & Patrick Frazer

College-Jonah Burson, Logan Hines, and Sarah Metz-Turske

INTO THE WORD

Psalm 19:1-6 Lay Reader: Todd Brooks

*Matthew 4:18-20

Response to the Word **Gloria Patri* UM Hymnal 71

Message Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *Keep Me, Keep Me* Chancel Choir

Morning Prayer

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:
When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grows.

Offertory *We Walk by Faith*, by Joseph M. Martin Chancel Choir

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVE

*Apostles’ Creed UM Hymnal 7

Communion service and responses UM Hymnal 13 & 14

Communion Hymn *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* UM Hymnal 614

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Communion Blessing

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *The Summons* TFWS 2130

*Benediction *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*, by John Rutter Chancel Choir

Postlude *May Jesus Christ Be Praised*, arr. Don Wyrzten
Dr. Rebecca Abbott

Serving in Worship:

Choir Director: Mary Kepple

Youth Bells Director: Delaney Doup

Sound: Jaedyn Bayless & Daniel Burson

Live Stream: Carol Moore & Max Heindl

Ushers: Jerry & Barb Bell

