

Celebration of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Easter

May 6, 2018

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

Thought for Contemplation

“Feeling oppressed by change or the lack of change; it’s a tale as old as time. Yet, at some point in any long-term relationship each partner is likely to evolve from the person you fell in love with into someone new – and not always into someone cuter or smarter or more fun. Each goes from rock climber to couch potato, from rebel to middle manager, from love-crazed to sleep-obsessed. Sometimes people feel betrayed by these changes. They fall in love with one person and gradually the person doesn’t seem familiar anymore, and some decide that this means that the marriage contract has been violated.

I have begun to wonder if perhaps the problem isn’t the change itself, but the susceptibility to what has been called the ‘end of history’ illusion. Human beings are works in progress that mistakenly think that they are finished. Several long-married couples I know have said this exact line: ‘I’ve had at least three marriages. They’ve all been with the same person!’”

Ada Calhoun from “To Be Married, Embrace Change”

God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* Wood

We Offer Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation. (*Psalm 98:1*)

People: We give thanks to you, Lord, for you have done marvelous things!

Leader: When we were walking in darkness,

People: you were there.

Leader: When we were kneeling in weakness,

People: you were there.

Leader: When we were needing forgiveness,

People: you were there.

Leader: When we were searching for your grace,

People: you were there.

MORNING PRAYER

RESPONSE

All: We give thanks to you, Lord, for you have done marvelous things!

* Please stand, if you are able.

* HYMN *Sing a New Song unto the Lord* Insert

God Speaks with a Heart of Love

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

Prayer

(Children in Preschool through 5th Grade are dismissed for Sunday School.)

READING *Jesus Rescues Earthworms* Julia Daigle

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 10:1 – 11:18* p. 895

Selected Verses

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Spirit-Driven Disruptions:*

Positive Change Requires Disruption

Jasmine McCallum and Pastor Larry De Vuyst

OFFERTORY *I Will Arise and Go Find Jesus* Compton
 Alleluia Bells

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsively) Iona Community Worship Book

Leader: We are not alone. We live in God's world.

People: *We believe in God, who has created and is creating.*

All: **We believe in God, who has created and is always creating, who has come in Jesus to reconcile and make all things new. We trust God, who calls us to be the church: to love and serve others; to seek justice and to resist evil; to proclaim Jesus, crucified, dead and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone! Thanks be to God!**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayers of the People

Anthem

In Remembrance Courtney and Red
Chancel Choir

The Communion

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

God Sends Us Out to Serve

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN *Celebrate with Joy and Singing* # 107

* BENEDICTION

God be in your head, and in your understanding.

God be in your eyes, and in your looking.

God be in your mouth and in your speaking.

God be in your heart and in your thinking.

God be in your end and at your departing.

* POSTLUDE *Allegro Con Moto* Krug

* PRAYER UNDER THE CROSS