

**WORSHIP SERVICE MAY 9, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Worship Leaders: Rev. Effie McAvoy, Minister Sandy Knapp & Kristen Hayes-Leite
Music Leader: Carol Leith**

PLEASE SEND YOUR JOYS & CONCERNS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

**9:55 ANNOUNCEMENTS
10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE**

PRELUDE Make Us One

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The sun breaks through the clouds.

ALL: We lift up our heads to meet the day.

Leader: We know that God is at work in our lives.

ALL: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

Leader: When rain comes again, we will open our umbrellas set out anyway.

ALL: For we are called to dance again!

MUSIC Blessed Assurance UMH #369

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation – Let us be open to learn from the dances of others. Open us to new steps for a new day. Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. Amen. By: Worship Design Studio

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

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DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, these gifts are not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE I Hope You Dance

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 15:9, 11-15a

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD THANKS BE TO GOD

SERMON "Friends of Christ"
Rev. Effie McAvoy

MUSIC "You Shall Go Out with Joy" FWS #2279

CLOSING PRAYER