



May 9, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Festival of the Christian Home

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

from Sonata in C Minor, No. 2
Dr. David Neiweem

Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION *by Keri Wehlander and Rex H., adapted The Wagar-King Family*

One: We live at mystery's edge
watching for a startling luminescence or a word to guide us.

**All: In fragile occurrence the Holy One
presents oneself and we must pause...**

One: Daily, there are glimmers, reflections of a seamless mercy
revealed in common intricacies.

**All: These circles of grace spill out around us
and announce that we are part of this mystery.**

One: As we continue to share in this Easter season, may we be helped to say
yes to life,

One: yes to a new beginning,

**All: yes to the presence that gives us courage
for whatever is ahead.**

One: Let us pray:
Living God, we offer thanks and praise
for the vitality of your presence in our midst,
and for this opportunity to come together
to celebrate our common hope.
Be the creativity that sustains us
in these changing and challenging times.
May it be so.
Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

* OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

PCH 38

GOSPEL READING

From John 15

Carol Hauke

TIME OF UNBURDENING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

READING From John 2 Carol Hauke

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES Hilah Clarke

SPECIAL MUSIC
When Morning Gilds the Skies
Members of the Austin Handbell Choir

SERMON

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING *God Made from One Blood* NCH 427 vv.1-2,4

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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.

OUTREACH WITNESS Donal Dugan

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Hannah Sachs

OFFERTORY

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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BIDDING TO MISSION AND SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

NCH 76

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

March

Venetian, 18th Century arr. David Neiweem

**Please rise, as you are able, in body or in spirit*