

Sunday, May 13, 2018

**Sixth Sunday After Easter**

8:30 & 11:00am

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord’s presence.  
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.  
*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *“Prelude on ‘Morning Has Broken’”* – Southbridge  
*“Canon in D”* – Pachelbel/Wolff

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 110

Leader: The Lord says to my lord, “Sit at my right hand  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

**People: Your people will offer themselves willingly on the day  
you lead your forces on the holy mountains.**

\* HYMNS *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”* No. 142

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Holy God and Judge of both the living and the dead, we thank You and praise You for holding us accountable within Your mercy, rather than by Your wrath. We confess that we withhold our mercy before passing judgment, and then we are too quick to turn to wrath for punishment rather than turning to love for reconciliation. Forgive us, and help us to develop a conscience led only by Your Holy Spirit, so that we can experience the liberation that comes from being accountable only to You. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who has already stood in for us, thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN *“Spirit of the Living God”*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE David Griffith  
*(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children’s church at this time.)*

ANTHEM *“Canticle of Hope”* – arr. Martin Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Exodus 2:1-10 (OT p49)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 14:7-12 (NT p163)*

SERMON **ROMANS FOR DUMMIES** Rev. Robert Bronkema  
*“Am I Accountable?”*

\*HYMN *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* No. 356

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *“The Butterfly Song” / “This is the Day”* Children’s Choir

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*HYMN *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* No. 376

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* – arr. Hustad

**Next Week**  
Psalm 138  
Romans 15:14-21  
*“I Just Can’t Help Myself!”*

**11:00am**

Greeting & Announcements

Songs: Children's Choir      *The Butterfly Song* / *"This is the Day"*

\*Praise & Worship

*My Lighthouse*  
*You Make Me Brave*  
*Reckless Love*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: David Griffith

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Scripture Readings

Exodus 2:1-10; Romans 14:7-12

Sermon

*"Am I Accountable?"*

\*Offering/Closing Song

*Cornerstone*

\*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:

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