

# An Order for the Worship of God

May 9, 2021 6th Sunday of Easter Paraments – White/Gold  
10:45 a.m. Live-Stream/In-Person

**Gathering Music** (10:30) Mrs. Trish Foy

**Invocation**

**Voluntary** *Prelude in Classic Style* G. Young

**\*Call to Worship** (based on lectionary Psalm 98)  
Dr. Nicola Crisp

**Leader:** Sing to God a new song,

**All:** **for God has done marvelous things!**

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,

**All:** **for God is still doing marvelous things!**

**Leader:** Break into joyful song!

**All:** **Sing praises with lyre and melody  
and trumpets!**

**Leader:** Let the seas roar and the floods clap their hands!

**All:** **For God is coming to judge the world  
with righteousness.**

**Leader:** God is coming to judge the world with equity.

**All:** **Sing to God a new song!**

**\*Hymn** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* TUNE: HOLY MANNA

God, you spin the whirling planets,  
fill the seas and spread the plain,  
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,  
call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.

We, created in your image,  
would a true reflection be  
of your justice, grace, and mercy,  
and the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful  
in our life and ministry.

We respond in grateful worship  
joined in one community.

When we blur your gracious image,  
focus us and make us whole.

Healed and strengthened as your people,  
we move onward toward your goal.

God, your word is still creating,  
calling us to life made new.

Now reveal to us fresh vistas  
where there's work to dare and do.

Keep us clear of all distortion.

Polish us with loving care.

Thus, new creatures in your image,  
we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

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**Prayer** (please be seated)

**God of songs and marvels, old and new,  
your powerful love for this world  
continues to astound us.**

**In these last days of the Easter season,**

**we gather to recall the love  
that brought Jesus into this world  
and into our lives:**

**as savior, friend, and brother.**

**We thank you for welcoming us into your household  
and for trusting us with your marvelous work  
to draw all people into the spacious home  
of your love. Amen.**

**A Time for Children** Rev. Laura Shearer

**Concerns and Celebrations  
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture Lesson** Acts 10:34-48

**Sermon** *We Bear Witness to Unexpected People*  
Dr. C. Mark Gooden

**Response** *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* M. Miller  
James Harr, solo

Christ has broken down the wall.

Let us join our hearts as one.

Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are.

Through God's love all is reconciled.

We're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears.  
Peace and love, freely offered here;  
cast aside your doubts and fears.

We will tear down the walls!

We will tear down every wall!

God has called us, one and all.

Christ has broken down the wall.

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**\*Hymn 560** *Help Us Accept Each Other*

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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## Benediction

**Voluntary** *Highland Cathedral* Trad. Piping Tune

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**Organist:** Jan McNair **Songleader:** James Harr  
**Acolytes:** Belle and Brie Wallin

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Marcial Lizarraga  
and Mr. and Mrs. William F. Pierce  
by the Lizarraga Family.*

## Commendation and Welcome – New Members

**Pastor:** Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**Congregation:** We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to the First-Centenary congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

## 2021 Holston Annual Conference Hands-On Mission Project for Zimbabwe

Scenic South District Goal – 400

Pack all items in a NEW 5-gallon bucket with lid.

\$5 per bucket *Collection deadline: Sunday, May 30*

- 1 bottle hand sanitizer (10 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle toilet cleaner (24 oz. or less)
- 1 laundry detergent (liquid OR powder, 40 loads or less)
- 1 bottle dish liquid (25 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle shampoo (15 oz. or less)
- 1 spray anti-perspirant (7 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle antibacterial hand soap (10 oz. or less)
- 1 roll paper towels



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## On Line Giving Change

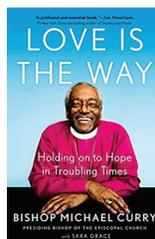
As a part of our recent website redesign, we have changed the platform that we use for electronic giving. Over the next six weeks we will be transitioning away from e-giving and begin Subsplash giving.

If that is how you are currently giving you should receive an email from our business office soon with details about how to switch over. It is easy to sign up and a great tool for generosity for our congregation.



## Attention Seniors

We want to do something extra special for you this year. We have been cheated out of your company because of this wretched pandemic! This is a small group though and we want to treat you all with your very own Senior Retreat. We have been in contact with most of our seniors already. We are looking at doing a mid-week retreat so that everyone can go. The tentative dates are: June 6 - 8. That is Sunday (evening) through Tuesday (afternoon).



## Join us for Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesdays May 12 – May 26

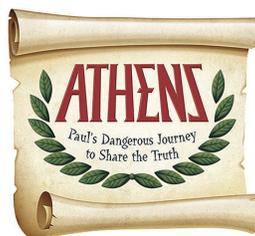
@ 6:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/93270919216?pwd=OEhCcGJUdIp4Uk53aFUwM3ZoZG0zdz09>

## Your Children's Ministry Needs YOU!

Do you feel the gentle tap, nudge, or pull of God? There is nothing quite like sharing Jesus's love with children; watching their faces light up in awe of their Heavenly Father is incredibly rewarding. Call Beth today to join us for a short hour full of laughter on Sundays and your heart will be smiling all week! ~ bspears@fcumc.org, 423.756.2021

## VBS July 19-23, 2021



**Sign up or Volunteer Today!**

Free gift for everyone who registers early!

