

Midway United Methodist Church  
Order of Worship

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021, 8:30 AM

Gathering Music

Charles Quinn, pianist

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Jennie Andone

Song

*Redeemer*

Choir

Michelle Levesque, soloist

Danny Thomas, pianist

Call to Worship

Emmie Niethammer

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!**

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

**We are the Lord's; we are the people of God,  
the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

**Give thanks and bless God's name!**

For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures for ever;**

**God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Opening Prayer

**The Prayer of Saint Francis**

Grant Butler

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Hymn

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Affirmation of Faith 886

Morgan Cox

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

**We believe; God, help our unbelief.**

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.**

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action:

Through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference; through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: To take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

**Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

Gloria Patri 71

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Song

**Old Hymns Medley**

Choir

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Andone

Song

***When the Roll is Called Up Yonder***

John Crane, Mike Dalton, Hugh Scott, Jane Scudder

Scripture

1 John 4:7-21

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Personal Remarks

***"We Are Family"***

Jane Scudder

Offering

***Lift Up Your Heads***

Choir

Doxology 95

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

Hymn 111

***How Can We Name a Love***

Benediction

Rev. Andone

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***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

***Verse 1***

***Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.***

***Chorus***

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!***

***Verse 2***

***Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.***

***Verse 3***

***Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!***

***How Can We Name a Love***

***How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,  
indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?  
Within our daily world, in every human face,  
Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace.***

***When people share a task and strength and skills unite  
in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight,  
our Friend and Partner's will is better understood,  
that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.***

***So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet  
a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.  
Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun:  
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.***