

Order of Worship for May 22, 2022  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Gathering Music*

*Seek Ye First*

*GTG 175*

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and you shall find  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you  
Allelu, Alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds out from the mouth of God  
Allelu, Alleluia

*Welcome*

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

*Call To Worship* (Psalm 67)

*Liturgist*

(L) Let the people praise you Oh God, let all the people praise you.  
(C) **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.**  
(L) For you judge the people with equity.  
(C) **And guide the nations upon earth.**

(L) Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

(C) **Let the people praise you Oh God, let all the people praise you.**

*Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee,*

GTG #611

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

### **PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

*Call to Confession*

*Liturgist*

Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, casting all our anxiety on the Lord, who cares for us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our**

**Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.**

*Words of Forgiveness*

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support, and strengthen us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri*

**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.**

### HEARING THE WORD

**Prayer of Illumination**

*Liturgist*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Psalm 67**

*Liturgist*

1. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**New Testament Reading:**

**John 14: 23- 29**

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23. Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with

them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. “All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

*Anthem : My Peace*

*Sermon*

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

*“How To Swim Against The Tide”*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

*Affirmation of Faith*

*Liturgist*

**We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of**

**God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer*

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

*Invitation To The Offertory*

*Liturgist*

Every good thing is a gift from God — the food we eat, the things we have, the time we spend, our whole lives. We give our lives back to God as a way of saying thank you — sharing money with those who are in need, giving food to those who are hungry, and spending our time to help others.

*Offertory*

*Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Offertory Prayer*

*Liturgist*

**Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

*Hymn*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*Benediction*

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

*Postlude*

*Steve Johnson*