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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2014

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ring the Bell

Greeting and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Centering Music

“O Jesus, Lord Most Wonderful”

arr. D. Wood

***Call to Worship**

Receive with joy the calm and quiet of worship.

Come with hope to this celebration of salvation.

Surely our God will speak to us here.

We come, thirsty for springs of living water.

Come, as stewards of God's mysteries.

Gather as servants of Jesus Christ.

Surely Christ will feed us with living bread.

We will be clothed with garments of righteousness.

Be ready to receive more than you can ask.

Be ready to give more than you thought you had.

God will equip us with everything we need.

We will learn how to live in God's realm.

***Gathering Song NCH #4**

“Joyful, Joyful”

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Sung Response**

“Be Not Afraid” (2x)

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Sharing Christ’s Peace**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Children’s Message

“In the Palm of God’s Hand”

Hannah Hannover

Sung Prayer for Illumination SPP #37 “Open Our Hearts” (2x)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:8-16 (p. 831 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

Sermon

“To Be Remembered”

Hannah Hannover

***Song NCH #351**

“I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry”

Prayers of the People *beginning with "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (2x)*

The Lord's Prayer *Please pray the following, or a version most meaningful to you.*

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.

Offering of Gifts

"O Jesus, True Companion"

Shaker/arr. G. Young

***Sung Response**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, we offer the best we have to give in thanks for your abiding love. Claim our time, not just the weather we are willing to share. Receive our energies and creativity, not just the leftovers from our busy days. Let your church become more fully a beacon of hope in our needy world. We celebrate the opportunity to be part of your plan as it unfolds. Amen.

***Song NCH #473**

“Blessed Assurance”

***Sending Music**