

May 1, 2016 – 10:00 am
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude: Prelude in G Minor J.S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #267 (GTG) *Come Christians, Join to Sing*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Make me a channel of your peace*

Call to Worship

One: Come to this place of prayer;

All: God is calling us.

One: Come, all who are burdened;

All: There is healing here.

One: Come to hear the word of God.

All: Let voices of praise greet the one who calls us.

One: Be glad together and sing for joy.

All: God reigns among us and fills the world with light.

One: Come let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Maker of all things, Ruler of all peoples of the earth, we bring our prayers of thanksgiving and praise. You have provided the water of life for our baptism. You have fed us with the fruits of the earth and nourished us through your Word. Meet us again in the joyous encounter of worship, lest we forget the source of all we have and all that we are. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love. We have neglected your Word in the torrent of words that we hear and read every day. Our hearts are troubled amid the conflicts and violence of our world. Sometimes we find it

easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change, lest it requires more of us. We know you are reaching out to heal us; help us to respond. We know we are surrounded by your love. Let us feel it deep within, that we may reflect that love to all we meet. Hear now our silent confessions as we seek your mercy, forgiveness and grace.

Moment of silent prayer

Assurance of God's Love

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.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 67

(Page 650 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Early Church – Acts 16:9-15

(Page 165 NT in the pew bible)

***Hymn:** #232 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*
(verses 1 -3)

Sacrament of Communion

Communion Prayer

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love by bringing us to this meal. We go from this table, renewed in faith, renewed in courage, and strengthened by your presence. Thank you for loving us so tenderly. Thank you for challenging us to know you better and to receive you more fully. It is in Christ's name that we pray.

***Hymn:** #232 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*
(verses 4 & 5)

(Children leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion Group)

Offering of our Gifts

Anthem: *Declare Your Maker's Praise* Lloyd Larson
Judith Dansker, oboe

***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.*

Prayer of Dedication

Gospel Reading – John 14:1-8

(Page 132 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Response: *Make me a channel of your peace*

***Hymn:** #625 (GTG) *O Lord My God*

Benediction

Response sung by all: *How great thou art!*

Postlude: Fugue in G Minor J.S. Bach
(* Please stand if able.)

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our host today is the Deng family.

Our ushers today are Sal Accardo & Kathy Mera.
Our Lay Reader today is Theresa Carroll.

Hearing Assist Devices are available in the narthex.

Prayer List

Jane Fitting, Malcolm Brown, Rosie Bell, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellog, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Alice Gusfafson and family and friends of Mary Claire Ullram.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today	11:15 am Christian Action 11:30 am Board of Trustees 2 pm Worship at Noble Horizons
Monday	6 pm Salisbury Band Rehearsal in the Parish Hall
Tuesday	5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library's Toddler Story Time in the Parish Hall 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	8:30 am "Silent" Retreat 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm National Day Of Prayer Service at Town Hall 7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal
Saturday	9-3 pm Confirmation Retreat at Silver Lake

OPPORTUNITIES

SILVER LAKE SUMMER CAMP- Open House

Registration for Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon is now open. Take a look at the many great offerings by visiting: www.silverlake.ctucc.org. Brochures can also be found on the Opportunity Table in the Parish Hall. Scholarships are available. Please see Pastor Diane.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Kathy Voldstad will lead the church in a Mindfulness Retreat at Silver Lake Conference Center on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00-2:00. Mark your calendar today!

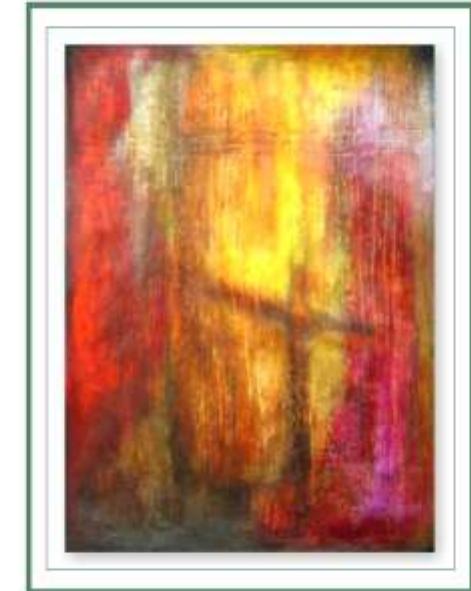
PLEASE SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR AND FLOWERS

Please consider hosting coffee hour or providing flowers for Worship. Sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall. Thank you!

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