

**Order of Worship**  
**May 21, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Sixth Sunday after Easter**

Welcome & Announcements

Introit – “Alleluia” verses 1, 2 and 5

**PRAISE AND ADORATION**

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 66)

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

**People: Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

Leader: Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

**People: Like our ancestors, God has tried us as silver is tried.**

Leader: We may have gone through fire and through water; but God has brought us out to a wide and blessed place.

**All: Blessed be the God of our salvation, because He has not rejected our prayers or removed his steadfast love from us even during times of trouble.**

\*Hymn: “For the Beauty of the Earth” # 473

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**Loving God, you ask us to take refuge in you, trusting you to preserve us from harm. Instead we hide from you, not wanting you to see our ingratitude and selfishness. We confess that we fall for lies that pry upon our fears and insecurities; we deny our limits and our need of you; we desire things other than what you graciously give us; and we wander from your ways and disregard your commands. Forgive us, Lord. Surround us with the abundance of your grace and give us the wisdom and will to trust you more and more each day. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

Confession Response: “**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**” # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

\*Response “Gloria Patri” # 579

**HEARING THE WORD**

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-21

Sermon: “Do the Dogs Have It Together?”

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” # 288

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

\*Doxology # 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn: “Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak” # 426

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response: “Alleluia ” verses 3 and 4