



Faith United
Presbyterian
Church
in Farmers Branch

*Glorify God, grow disciples, and
meet the needs of our neighbors.*



6th Sunday
of Easter
May 9, 2021

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. John 15:9

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 98

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things.

People: **We sing praise to the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

People: **We make a joyful noise before the Lord.**

OPENING HYMN

GTG 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah has been born of God. In the release of grace, let us confess our sin around these waters of baptism.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How deeply you have loved us, Jesus; how willingly you stepped into our experience, how completely you empathized with all that we endure. Teach us to love as you have loved us.

How sacrificially you have loved us, Jesus; how completely you gave yourself for us, how courageously you suffered for our sakes. Teach us to love as you have loved us.

How restoratively you have loved us, Jesus; how generously you share your life, how extravagantly you make yourself available to us. Teach us to love as you have loved us.

We praise you for your love, which is given so freely and so unconditionally, to heal and forgive, to form and shape in your likeness. Teach us to love as you have loved us, in your name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

We have been cleansed of our sin, our guilt has been pruned, our shame released in the love of Jesus Christ.

May the Spirit testify that Christ lives in us and we in Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GTG 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine

Katia Dinas, accompanist

Gabriel Fauré

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:44-48

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John 15:9-17

SERMON

"Just Love"

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.4

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

HYMN OF MEDITATION

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

GTG 465

CONVERSE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you**

OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

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.

Prayer of Dedication

O Creator of all people, guide us in your Spirit in humility and generosity to recognize the face of our Savior Jesus in all people, loving one another so that harmony, peace and justice would prevail on earth as it is in heaven, through Christ. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

GTG 757

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CHARGE

We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

We now have online giving available. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smartphone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button. www.FaithUnited-pc.com You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving like the **One Great Hour of Sharing** during Lent and Easter. **You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.**



We have put it off as long as we can. It's time to replace the roof on the garage. We anticipate there will be damage underneath the roof that will also need to be addressed. The garage remains an important storage facility for the church. At this time, we will not be repairing the inside of the upstairs floor. However, we anticipate that Iglesia Emmanuel might have an interest to repair the room to be used as a youth room. Please consider giving a gift above and beyond your pledge to help with this unexpected expense. If you are able to give, you can send a check to the church, noting the **Garage Project**. Or, you can give to the **Garage Project Fund** through the website or scan the QR code above for online giving. Thank you in advance for your gift!



In-Person Worship returns May 23! The Session has approved a plan which will allow those who are ready to worship in-person to do so safely with reasonable protocols related to COVID. Masks and social distancing will be required while inside the building. Follow the link below to read all of the protocols. The service will be live-streamed via the church's Facebook page for those who are not able to attend, or who are not yet ready to return to in-person worship. The service will be geared towards both the persons worshipping on-line and in-person.
http://www.faithunited-pc.com/home/180009199/180009199/docs/04-2021-RECOMMENDATION%20REOPEN.pdf?sec_id=180009199

Our thanks to musicians in worship!

David Pierce, Director of Music

Katia Dinas, accompanist

Soprano

Caroline Busselberg
Shanae Kemp
Mary Marxer
Natasha Wroblewski

Alto

Patti Sloey
Jessica Stottlemeyer

Tenor

Kyle Feather
Jeremy Rohwer

Bass

Kurt Booth
Brian Hotchkiss
Rich Lewis
Malcolm Payne
Zachary Rohwer

North Dallas Shared Ministries is now offering COVID-19 vaccines:

Mon, Tues. and Thurs.

9am – noon

Thursday

5:30pm – 7pm

Wednesday

8am – 4pm

Masks are required. The vaccines are offered at 2875 Merrell Road.

Share this with family, friends and neighbors!



PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz	Roger Jones
Dennis Van Deventer	Mike Jones
Kathie Heffler	David Duell
Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)	

Homebound/Rehab: Freddie Simmons

The FUPC Staff is here for you!

Pastor Ken, Brenda Swindle, and David Pierce are in their "Work from Home" offices and ready to assist. Ken and Brenda are checking the mail box daily to receive your notes or checks. They are also receiving your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

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OPENING Hymn

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain 234

1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um-phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing

led them with un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.



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HYMN of MEDITATION

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



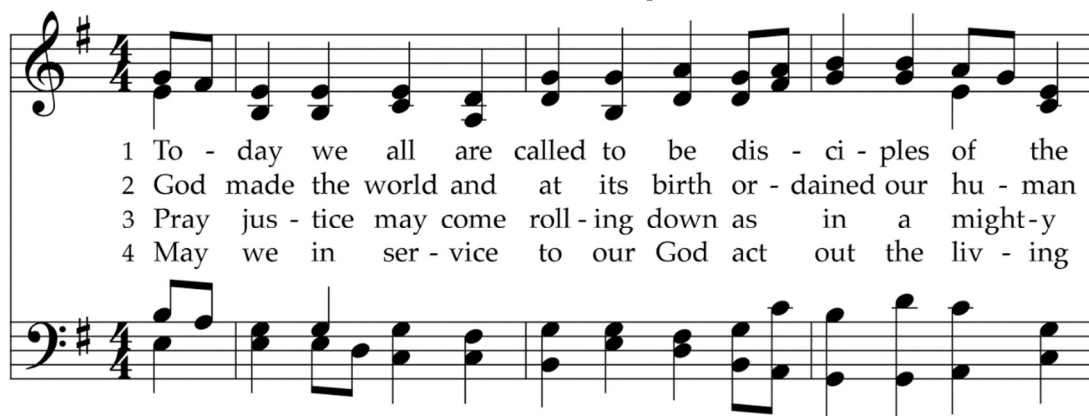
all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.



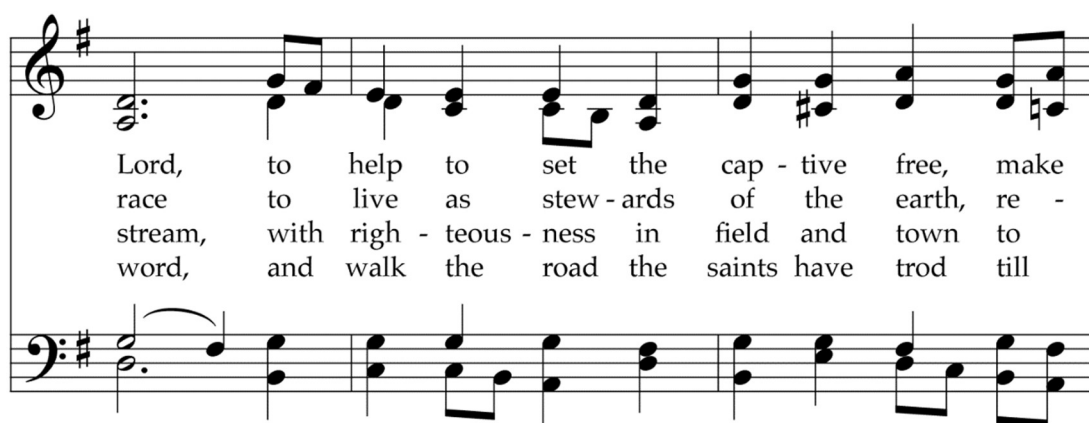
This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

HYMN of DEDICATION

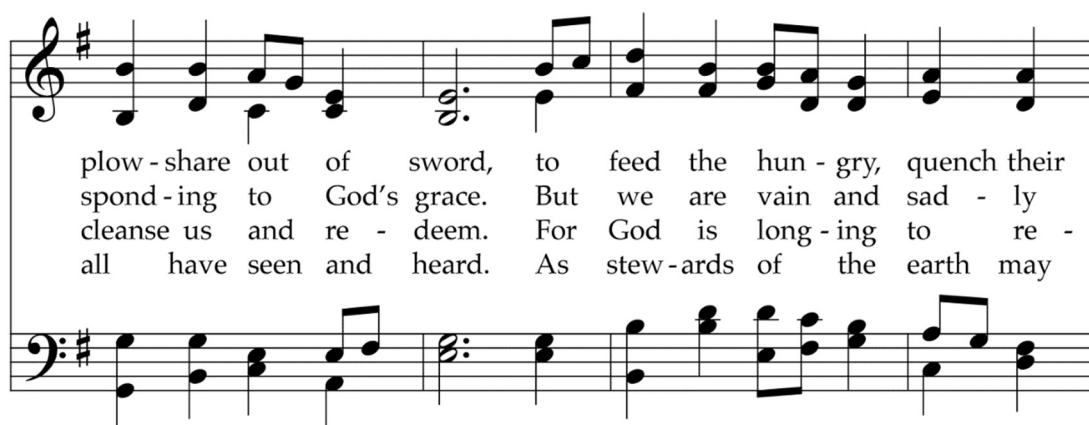
757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

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thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985
MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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