

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP



“Love one another as I have loved you.”

- John 15:12

6th Sunday after Easter – May 9, 2021

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the natural love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

Jim Hunt, violin

WELCOME

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

ELW #735



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world, Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding.
Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain
your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

John Flint

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

John calls upon Christians to love God and to love one another. Toward the end of this text, John says exactly what this faithfulness means: we love God when we obey God's commandments.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Melanie Coulson

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

This Joyful Easter Tide

ELW #391, verse 1

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has

sprung to life this mor - row.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our
 faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
 ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th Chapter
 C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

Jesus said: ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord
 C **Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love

ELW #708

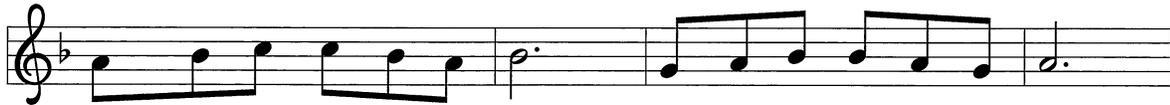
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Boots Winterstein

A Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

When all petitions have been offered:

A In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*ecumenical*)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

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OFFERTORY

We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord

ELW#690



1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like
2 What good and blessing you bestow are
3 Oh, make our barren trees to grow, our



emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and
free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the
hands to blos - som, and let our lives bring



give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.
weak - est strong and bar - ren branch - es start to bud.
forth such fruit that heals our neigh - bor's grief and pain.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of love,

C you call us beloved children and welcome us into your presence.

Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Christ.

The Sacred Trinity, Creator, + Redeemer, and Advocate, bless you now and forever.

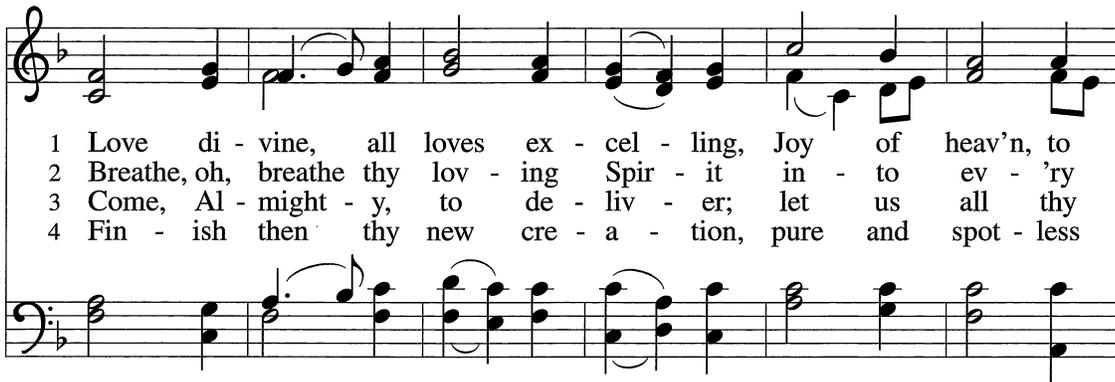
C Amen.

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

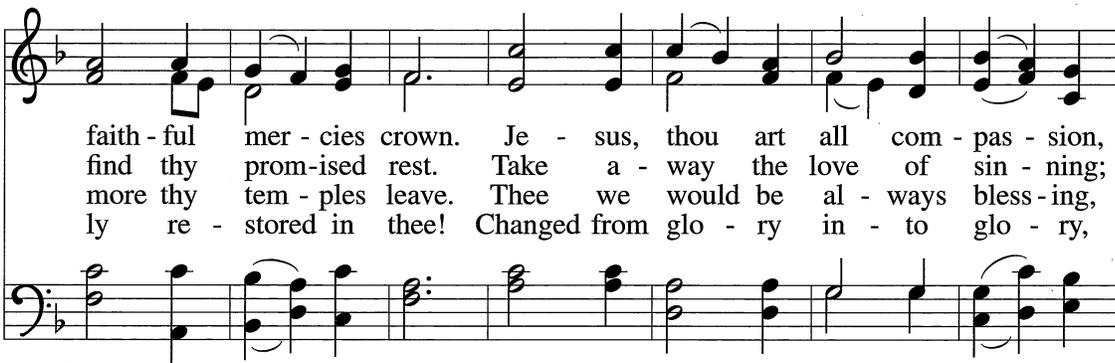
ELW #631



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

DISMISSAL

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude in F Major

Walther

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY – May 30

Phoebe Sunde, soon to graduate from West Seattle High, will be presented the Peace Scholarship on May 30th. Be sure to tune in for the presentation!

SEASON OF CREATION IN JUNE

Our *Season of Creation* celebration will begin Sunday, June 6 and continue through Sunday, June 20.

The River That Made Seattle, BJ Cummings' very new book is available for your reading in preparation for our June Season of Creation. It is a fascinating story of the early days of Seattle, its indigenous people and relationships with newcomers from the east -- and how the Duwamish River gave life to us all. We expect to have a conversation with Ms. Cummings, and with Duwamish Tribal member James Rasmussen, as part of our "Season"—as well as input from the local Duwamish community. In addition, guest preacher Rev. John Rosenberg will be with us talking about WATERSHEDS from a geological/theological point of view.

ECOTOUR OPPORTUNITY: SEE THE DUWAMISH RIVER SHORELINE

On Saturday, June 12, beginning at 1 pm, folks from Peace are invited to a walking tour along the west side of the Duwamish River. The tour will start at the Duwamish Longhouse, and our guide will be Andrew, who is a restoration ecologist. In addition to directing our attention to changes in the shoreline, Andrew will discuss the cultural and political history of our area and its effects on the Duwamish people. The tour is appropriate for school-age children as well as the rest of us! More details and information about how to sign up will come in the June edition of *Peace Notes*.

COVID SURGE IN INDIA

Over the past two months, a surge of COVID-19 cases has spread across India. On April 30, India reported over 400,000 new COVID-19 cases, the highest daily count in any country during the pandemic. Thousands of deaths are documented each day, yet the actual number is suspected to be much higher.

For the past year, Lutheran Disaster Response has supported companion churches and partners throughout India and around the world as they raise awareness about COVID-19, provide personal protective equipment and distribute sanitation supplies to vulnerable communities. Padhar Hospital, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh, has a ward dedicated to COVID-19 patients. Lutheran Disaster Response is helping Padhar Hospital purchase an oxygen generator for its COVID-19 ward so it can treat more patients and not have to turn away people suffering with COVID-19. Please consider a gift today. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those impacted by the COVID-19 crisis in India.

Gifts designated for "Asia-Pacific Disaster Response" will be used entirely (100%) for direct response to COVID-19 in India and to other disasters in the region.

CHRISTIAN ED/FAITH FORMATION

Our Christian Education/Faith Formation program continues through Sunday, May 23rd.

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS @ 8:45am

Two weeks ago we began conversation on the book, *The River than Made Seattle*, by BJ Cummings. Ms. Cummings will be one of our guests in June for our Season of Creation, whose theme is RIVERS. If you'd like to join the class via ZOOM, please let Pastor Erik know and he will send you an invitation on Sunday morning.

ABC'S, THE BIBLE, AND YOU—Hey, kids, are you age 3 through 2nd grade

And do you like stories? Join Julie and Melanie on Zoom for a Bible story each week. You'll also get to do crafts and sing fun, silly songs, and see you friends. Sounds like a blast! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:15 or so.

WHIRL KIDS calling all 2nd to 5th graders. Chris will meet you on Zoom for Whirl videos, digging into the Bible, and talking about life together. Don't miss out! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:30.

YOUTH ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45. So what did happen after the Resurrection? How did the church start? Where did the disciples go? We will be exploring these ideas Sunday mornings through Kahoot games.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society. As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

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