



LEESBURG

United Methodist Church

Worship Program for May 9, 2021 6th Sunday of Easter

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We Gather

Prelude "Blessed Assurance" (arr. Pinkney) Michelle Pinkney

Welcome Rev. Jim Wishmyer

Centering Litany and Prayer

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the LORD. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy!

**People: Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song,
Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.
Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long,
Dare to dance again!**

Leader: Please bow your heads as we pray: Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation – Let us be open to learn from the dances of others. Open us to new steps for a new day. Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

Hymn "This Is Amazing Grace" Raising Praise

We Proclaim

Scripture Acts 6:1-7 (online: Audrey Fox)

Message Rev. Heather Wray

We Respond

Prayers of the People* Rev. Wishmyer

Loving Creator, in the midst of this pandemic, you have heard our prayers.

We asked for strength,

and you gave us difficulties to make us strong.

We asked for wisdom,

and you gave us problems to solve.

We asked for provision,

and you gave us purpose, opportunity, and creativity.

We asked for courage,

and you gave us fears to overcome.

We asked for patience,

and you gave us situations where we were forced to wait.

We asked for love,
and you gave us those who hurt that we might care.
 We asked for justice,
and you called us to be just and live with integrity.
 We asked for help, and you gave us
A community of faith
Caring neighbors
A family
Our mothers.

We pray now for those we hold dear, for those who hold us dear, and for our world that you hold dear...

(our individual prayers for the hurts and hopes in our lives, our community, our world)

Lord, we have not always received what we wanted; instead,

You have given us all that we needed.

For this we give thanks in the name of the Christ who gave.

So now we pray as one:

Our Father...

Doxology

Call to Action

We Send Forth

Blessing

Rev. Wray

Hymn

“God Will Take Care of You” (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

UMH 130

1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
 beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain: God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
 he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

3. All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you;
 nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. [Refrain]

4. No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
 lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you. [Refrain]

Postlude

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” (arr. Pinkney)

Michelle Pinkney

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* *Prayers of the People: Adapted from a prayer by Colleen Hanycz, PhD, President of Xavier University*

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