

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020



Common Worship shared by:

Christ Church, United Church of Christ Ft. Thomas, KY
St. John United Church of Christ Bellevue, KY
St. John's United Church of Christ Newport, KY

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode, Christ Church
Rev. Keith M. Haithcock, St. John Church Bellevue
Rev. D. Houston Hall, St. John's Church Newport
Steve Milloy, St. John Church Bellevue
Melissa Stephens, St. John Church Bellevue
Theo Baldwin, St. John Church Bellevue
Megan Osborn Williams, St. John Church Bellevue
Michael Sullivan, St. John's Church Newport
Dobin Park, St. John's Church Newport

Order of Service

Gathering Music

“How Great Thou Art” -*Arranged by Jeff Nelson*
Dobin Park, piano

Welcome

Keith M. Haithcock

Call to Worship

D. Houston Hall

One: Jesus commanded: Love one another.

All: We come to worship the One who is love so that we may learn to love others.

One: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants; now I call you my friends.

All: We come to worship the One whose friends we are through Christ.

One: Let us sing praise to God and live in love and friendship toward all creation.

All: May it be so! Amen!

Hymn of Praise, 70

“God Is Here! As We Your People Meet”
Steve Milloy, piano; Megan Osborn Williams and Theo Baldwin, vocal leaders

Children’s Time

Melissa Stephens

Offering Moment

D. Houston Hall

Ministry of Music

“Knowing You” -*Graham Kendrick, Arr. by Lloyd Larson*
Megan Osborn Williams, soloist; Theo Baldwin, piano

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

D. Houston Hall

One: Praying together we say...

All: 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Scripture

John 14.15-21 (The Inclusive Bible)

Edward Goode

“If you love me
and obey the command I give you,
I will ask the One who sent me
to give you another Paraclete, another Helper
to be with you always-
the Spirit of truth,
whom the world cannot accept
since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her;
but you can recognize the Spirit
because she remains with you
and will be with you.
I won’t leave you orphaned;
I will come back to you.
A little while now and the world will see me no more;
but you’ll see me;
because I live,
and you will live as well.
On that day you’ll know
that I am in God,
and you are in me,
and I am in you.
Those who obey the commandments
are the ones who love me,
and those who love me
will be loved by Abba God.
I, too, will love them
and will reveal myself to them.”

(Note: *Paraclete* is the Greek word for Advocate, Intercessor (Holy Spirit). Most translations have Jesus referring to God as “the Father” in the New Testament, however *The Inclusive Bible* translation hearkens back to Jesus’ own appeal to God as *Abba* (Awe-ba), the Hebrew word for daddy or papa; a much more intimate term.)

Sermon

“*Love Revealed*”

Keith M. Haithcock

Closing Hymn “Send Your Advocate” Tune: HYMN TO JOY
Steve Milloy, piano; Megan Osborn Williams and Theo Baldwin, vocal leaders

**Send your Advocate among us,
God, whose love has blessed us here.
May your Spirit dwell within us,
Cleansing us from doubt and fear.
Let your truth surround and hallow
All we seek to do or say.
Eagerly we vow to follow
As Christ Jesus leads the way.**

**You remind us, we are baptized,
Cleansed by water and by grace,
Never orphaned, though we're chastised,
Offered, in your realm, a place.
Thus we live with hope abounding,
Praying for a conscience clear,
As your reign of love, astounding,
Brings our resurrection near.**

Benediction

Keith M. Haithcock

Postlude

“Improvisation on HYMN TO JOY”
Michael Sullivan, organ

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