

**Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 14, 2023 at 11:30am**

**Welcome to worship this morning at St. Mark's Lutheran Church!**

The order below will help you to find your way through our worship service. We are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red). The hymns are found in the main section marked with black numbers, the liturgy (p), if not printed, in the front section of the book. Thank you!

P (Pastor) L (Lector) C (Congregation)

Church Bells

Organ Prelude

Simone Ren

Welcome

**Gathering Hymn # 556: Morning has broken**

Call to Worship with words from Psalm 66:

P: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

**C: who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

P: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

**C: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;**

P: you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

**C: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,**

P: those that my lips uttered, and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

**C: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.**

P: I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

**C: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.**

P: But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**C: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

**Call to Confession:**

P: Loving God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

P: Gracious God, have mercy on us.

**C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness:**

God, who is rich in mercy in Christ Jesus, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Gracious God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Reading from Acts 17: 22 – 31: Proclaiming the unknown God

Celtic Alleluia # 174



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Reading of the Holy Gospel according to John 14: 15 – 21: Love, love, love!

**Hymn of the Day # 807: Come Thou Fount**

*(The offering is gathered – thank you!)*

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

**C: And also with you**

Prayers of Intercession, concluding: God, in your mercy

**C: hear our prayer**

Announcements

**Sending Hymn # 537: On our Way**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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