

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023
Christian Family Sunday

Welcoming and Announcements

Centring Music: Let Us Build a House

Marty Haugen

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn: **Would You Bless Our Homes and Families**

(Voices United 556, vs. 1, 3 & 4)

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- 1 Would you bless our homes and families,
 Source of life who calls us here;
 in our world of stress and tension
 teach us love that conquers fear.
 Help us learn to love each other
 with a love that constant stays;
 teach us when we face our troubles,
 love's expressed in many ways.
- 3 From the homes in which we're nurtured,
 with the love that shapes us there,
 teach us, God, to claim as family
 every one whose life we share.
 And through all that life may offer,
 may we in your love remain;
 may the love we share in families
 be alive to praise your name.

- 4 Let us reach beyond the boundaries
 of our daily thought and care
 till the family you have chosen
 spills its love out everywhere.
 Help us learn to love each other
 with a love that constant stays;
 teach us when we face our troubles
 love's expressed in many ways.

Opening Prayer

This is the day to honour mothers.

Celebrate with us, Loving God.

This is the day we give thanks for our parents and grandparents.

Celebrate with us, Caring God.

This is the day to remember our whole family.

Celebrate with us, God of Fellowship.

This is the day to rejoice with the whole human family.

Celebrate with us, Faithful God.

The Lord's Prayer

A Time to Wonder

Anthem: I Will Give Jubilant Thanks

Words by J. Paul Williams, music by Michael Barrett

Scripture Reading

The Gospel: John 14:15-21

Reflection

Hymn of the Day: Deep in Our Hearts (More Voices 154)

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- 1 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.
- 2 Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.
- 3 Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.
- 4 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Invitation to Offering

Choral Response: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

(Voices United 179, Refrain) *Please stand as you are able.*

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Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.

Offering Prayer

O God,

**Jesus taught that where our treasure is,
there will our hearts be also.**

**In this hour, we come bringing our treasures—
all that we have and all that we are.**

**We come seeking your treasure—
treasure that does not fade, decay, or disappoint.**

**Share with us the treasure of heaven,
that we may boldly share it with others. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns (Nancy)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Parting Hymn: Wherever You May Go (More Voices 216)

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Refrain Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

- 1 Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
we will travel side by side
and God's love will be our guide. *Refrain*
- 2 From beginning to the end
I will always be your friend,
when you need me, I'll be there,
you can trust my faithful care. *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude: Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick

Worship Leadership – Pastor Nancy Walker and Pastor Beth Parsons

Music Leadership - Glenn Parsons

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

Scripture Reading – Arlene Box

Greeters – Blyth Hughes and Andy Robertson

Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat

Technical Support – Jiemei Li and Sam Boehner

Fellowship Time – 2nd Sunday Brew Crew

Flowers are offered by Val Armstrong
in celebration of the life of Don Thomson.