

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Hallelujah! Christ Is Risen!

## Welcoming and Announcements

### Centring Music How Great Thou Art

*arranged by Larry Shackley, Melody: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk melody*

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

On the path to peace, **lead us to the truth.**

On the path to truth, **lead us to the light.**

On the path of light, **lead us to love.**

We light the Christ candle in honour of the One  
who came bringing truth, light and love.

### Opening Hymn **God of the Bible** (Fresh as the Morning)

More Voices 28, vs, 1, 2, 3, 5

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- 1 God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.

*Refrain* Fresh is the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

- 2 God in our struggles, God in our hunger,  
suffering with us, taking our part,  
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,  
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. *Refrain*

- 3 Those without status, those who are nothing,  
you have made royal, gifted with rights,  
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,  
birthing new systems, lighting new lights. *Refrain*

- 5 Hope we must carry, shining and certain  
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
bonding us gladly one to the other,  
till our world changes facing the Cross. *Refrain*

## Opening Prayer

## Dedication of Quilts

## A Time to Wonder

### Anthem Everywhere I Go

*by Natalie Sleeth*

## Scripture Readings Psalm 67; John 14:23-29

## Reflection "Every Time We Feel The Spirit"

### Hymn of the Day **Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness** (Voices United 375, vs. 1, 2, 4)

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Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons  
you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings. *Refrain*
- 2 You swept thro' the desert,  
you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people  
with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded  
with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke thro' your prophets  
to open their eyes. *Refrain*
- 3 You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow  
the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions,  
our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions  
your people arise. *Refrain*

#### Invitation to Offering

#### Choral Response **What Can I Do?** (More Voices 191)

*(Please stand in body or spirit.)*

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What can I do?  
What can I bring?  
What can I say?  
What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy.  
I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love.  
I'll do my share. *Repeat*

#### Offering Prayer

#### Joys and Concerns

#### Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

#### Parting Hymn **One More Step Along the World I Go** (Voices United 639)

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- 1 One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go,  
from the old things to the new,  
keep me travelling a long with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.
- 2 Round the corner of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;  
all the new things that I see  
you'll be looking at along with me:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.
- 3 As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me travelling the way I should;  
where I see no way to go  
you'll be telling me the way, I know:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.

- 4 Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though the world is tough,  
leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.
- 5 You are older than the world can be,  
you are younger than the life in me,  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.

### Sending Forth

Postlude      Toccata in the Style of Scarlatti      *by Gordon Young*

Worship Leader – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins and the CBUC Choir  
Greeters – Sue Christensen and Myrna Pringle  
Lighting of the Christ Candle – Spirit Kids  
Opening Prayer – Carol-Ann Staples  
Spirit Kids Program – Grace Cave and Moira Dennis  
Scripture Reader – Margaret Chambers  
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Margaret Bates  
Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Louise Johnston  
Fellowship Time – Men's Breakfast Group  
Flowers are offered by Myrna Pringle  
in celebration of the life of her husband, Tom Pringle.