

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday after Easter

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Ranson

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

**God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.**

The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

**God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.**

The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

**God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.**

Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

**We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2025.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**     *"Jesus Thine all Victorious Love"*     UMH #422

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**God of all time and space, you initiated the relationship of love and generosity with creation at a time before and beyond all knowing. Through the Word and the Spirit, you continue in eternal love for all beings. Fill us with a deep and abiding awareness of your presence, your call, and your grace in our lives and in our world.**

**Shape us into the people you have made us to be – poured out in creative mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation. Amen.**

*Written by Lutheran Julia and posted on RevGalBlogPals.*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**     Ezekiel 34:1-7

**CHILDREN'S TIME**     Do Not Fear Change

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Penny

**PRAYER HYMN**     *"Spirit of the Living God"* vs 1     UMH # 393

**GOSPEL LESSON**     John 14:15-21

**SERMON**     "Jesus' Farewell Discourse"     Pastor Penny

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**     Psalm 115:1-11, 18     UMH #836

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

### OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY**     UMH #95

**\*CLOSING HYMN**     *"Trust and Obey"*     UMH #467

### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able*

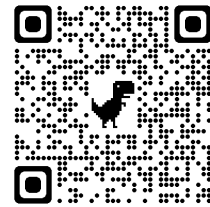
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