

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

10:00 AM

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Hymn No. 399 (Sung 2X)      God Welcomes All      *Themba Amen*

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.

**Minute for Mission**

Carol Young

**Prelude**

Aria

*Charles Callahan*

**\* Call to Worship** *(Please stand and join responsively)*

One: Ours is a story passed from one generation to the next,

**All: *Rooted in the faithfulness of all that have come before,***

One: Spreading and extending as the branches of a great tree.

**All: *May we cherish the story and sustain it for those who will come after us,***

One: and may the tree of faith entrusted to us grow strong and true.

**\* Hymn No. 409 (vs. 1-3)**

God is Here

*Abbot's Leigh*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** *(The congregation uniting)*

***With you, O God, our future is sure. In you, our lives have purpose. Yet we struggle with distractions and we give the present all of our focus with little thought for those who come behind us. We pray you would enable us to understand our own lives as a small part of eternity. Help us to live with the awareness of the meaning faithfulness gives to our one precious life (A time of silent confession) Amen.***

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response of Thanksgiving**

Hymn #587 (Sung 2X)

Alleluia!

*Celtic Alleluia*

**We Hear God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 13: 31-32

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**Parable Time**

**Message**

**Thanksgiving for Faith Legacy Circle**

**We Respond to God's Word**

**Ritual of Friendship**

**The Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Prayer of Dedication** *(The congregation uniting)*

***All that we have, all that we are, comes as grace from you. We simply use it for the span of our lives. So take what we offer this day, and may the act of letting go of what we have, change us and free us. Amen.***

**Offertory Anthem**

All Things Work Together for Good

*John Carter*



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Welcoming All,  
Worshipping Christ,  
Working to Share  
God's Love!

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**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*You are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and then partake of the elements.*

*Please return to your seat using the outside aisles.*

*All the elements are gluten free.*

**Prayer After Communion**

**We Go Out to Serve**

\* Hymn No. #326 (vs. 1, 3 & 5)

For All the Saints

*Sine Nomine*

\* Benediction

\* Sharing of the Peace of Christ

\* Postlude

Processional

*Martin Shaw*

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**Participants in Today's Service:**

**The Rev. Nona Holy**, Message

**Edward Nass**, Liturgist

**Candy Smith**, Parable

**Jane Van Valkenburg**, Organist

**Senior Choir**

**The flowers on the retable** are given by Tricia Dewey in loving memory of her mother, Ruth L. Marks.



# CALENDAR

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
<b>5/5/2024</b>		<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service - Faith Legacy Sunday
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:30 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal
5/6/2024	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
5/7/2024	10:00 AM	Sandra Thompson Visitation and Memorial Service
5/8/2024	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	12:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
	4:00 PM	Organist Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Wisdom Wednesday
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
5/10/2024		Church Office Closed
<b>5/12/2024</b>		<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service - LIFT
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship

***In case of emergency, an AED unit is located in the hallway on the ground floor across from the bulletin boards.  
Children of all ages are welcome in worship, but should a parent desire, nursery care is provided downstairs.***

## A Note From Donna

As I enter everyone's email addresses, I marvel at how many people were involved in yesterday's celebration --- and realize that there are others whom I missed or whose addresses I don't have, so please forward this email.

What a phenomenal service -- rather, entire morning -- you all



came up with! What a touching honor! The music from all was amazing --- children/youth, senior choir,

handbells, worship consort, trumpets, flutes, violin, piano, organ, and commissioned song! There is no shortage of talent and ingenuity at LBPC. It was wonderful to be among such a fine group of friends.

Thank you for the generous congregational gift, for the specially-commissioned music manuscript, and for the beautiful etched Harvard Dictionary --- Come see how stunning it looks in my studio on the piano!

I'm running out of adjectives, but thank you for being such a vital part of my life, and taking up permanent residence in my heart!

Donna