

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# **THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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*"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"*

# Order of Worship

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

*\* Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*INTROIT #119 (AA) ..... "Thou Art Worthy"**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** May God be gracious to us; May God bless us.

**ALL:** We gather in worship, knowing God is here.

**LEADER:** May God's face shine upon us.

**All:** May God call us into the joyful work of creating peace. Let us worship our God in praise.

**\*OPENING HYMN #120 (AA) ..... "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

### **\* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION** (*Unison*)

All nations on earth shall bless you, O God, for you have redeemed your people and brought them new life. Through Christ you have caused your Word to shine on the just and the unjust. By your Spirit all those who believe know of your saving power. We come confessing that Christ is our Savior; we give you all glory for your gift of redeeming grace.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(unison)*

God of the city, you call us to come to you in the world, but we disobey you. We choose power and profit over the acts of love that you exemplify for us again and again. We are content to work within systems that oppress instead of working to change things. We forget that everything comes from you, and that we are just stewards of what you have given. We seek out mountain tops instead of being among your people. Forgive us Lord, for the times that we forget your call to fully follow your example in the world. Embolden us to live fully in your call: to love our neighbor.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God blesses us, again and again, despite the times that we mess up, despite us ignoring God. Friends, know and believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**INTRODUCTION OF TODAY’S SPEAKER**

**SPECIAL SELECTION ..... FUPCC Choir**

"Spirit Fall Down" *by Luther Barnes*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION .....**

**Rev. Dr. Aurelio Givens**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS .....**

**Rev. Dr. Aurelio Givens**

**OLD TESTAMENT: Psalms 46**  
**NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Peter 5:6-11**

**SERMON ..... "Lord Have Mercy"**

**Rev. Dr. Aurelio Givens, Executive Director,**  
**Founder of Abundant Life Fellowship Church**

**INVITATIONAL HYMN #382 (AA).....**

**"Jesus Is All The World To Me"**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**  
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(excerpts from the Confession of Belhar) (unison)*  
We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain, We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope and together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** ..... **DéAndre Yongue**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

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**OFFERTORY SELECTION**..... **FUPCC Choir**  
*"God Is Keeping Me" by The Mississippi Mass Choir*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CLOSING HYMN #129 (AA)** ..... **"Lord, Keep Me Day By Day"**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**..... **Rev. Dr. Aurelio Givens**

**RESPONSE** ..... **"Three-Fold Amen"**

**POSTUDE**