

An abstract drawing on a textured, light brown background. The drawing consists of several figures and shapes created with thick, expressive lines in red and teal. The figures appear to be in various poses, some standing, some sitting, and some in motion. The lines are somewhat chaotic and energetic, suggesting a sense of movement and vitality. The background is divided into four quadrants by a vertical teal line on the right and a horizontal teal line near the bottom. The overall composition is dynamic and visually striking.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
MAY 10, 2026 ☞ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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PIANO PRELUDE	<i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i>	- J.S. Bach
HANDBELL INTROIT	<i>Jubilant Fanfare</i>	- Kevin McChesney
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
DANCE CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Willow</i>	- Jasmine Thompson
OPENING PRAYER	Revised Common Lectionary Prayers	
	One: Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever.	
	Many: Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.	
* OPENING HYMN	<i>Women Walked with Jesus Too</i>	- Brian Sirchio
	Refrain: They were the last to leave the cross, and the first to reach the tomb. Women walked with Jesus, too.	
* PASSING THE PEACE	The Peace of Christ be with you: And also with you.	
BLESSING OF BIBLES & INTERPRETERS	See insert	
PRAYER OF BLESSING	ending with <i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	
	Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kin'dom come...	
* HYMN	<i>Jesus Loves Me!</i>	#113
EPISTLE READING	<i>1 Peter 2: 2 - 7</i>	Pew Bible, NT, p. 233
SERMON	<i>Spiritual Milk</i>	Tirza Dawn
PIANO INTERLUDE	<i>Siyahamba</i>	Trad. South African
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Mothering God: Hear our prayer.	
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING	Muriel Weaver	
HANDBELL OFFERTORY	<i>Amen Siakudumisa</i>	arr. Cathy Moglebust

* DOXOLOGY

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below. Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

- Linda Hollies

One: Source of all nourishment, you have called us from death into life. You provide for our every need and call us tenderly by name.

Many: We offer our gifts so that others may have this life-giving opportunity to respond to your call. You have blessed the givers, now bless the gifts, we pray. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

Beloved

- Dennis Ryder

**Beloved, let us love one another.
For love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. They that love not, know not God, for God is love.
Beloved, let us love one another.
First John 4: 7 & 8!**

* BENEDICTION

PIANO POSTLUDE

Siyahamba

Trad. South African

Following worship, all are invited to Kinship Time in the Bell Tower Courtyard and, when the bell rings, to Faith Formation Hour.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers	Judy Davison (Lead), Terri Harper & Steve Reid
Piano	J. Althea
Dancer	Abigail McGinnis
Liturgists	Muriel Weaver & Pastor Benjamin
Preacher	Tirza Dawn
Worship Music	Handbell Ensemble
Choir Director	Karna Roa
Godly Play Facilitators	Joanne Matson & Alvin Hukins
Tech Team	Ainsley Curtis & Elia DelMonte
Chancel Flowers	Sheina Curtis

STAFF TEAM

Lead Minister	Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent
Congregational Administrator	Joy Richards
Faith Formation Coordinator	Tirza Dawn
Choral Director	Andy DelMonte
Keyboardist	J. Althea
Handbell Director	Karna Roa
Custodian	Paul Louden



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