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Sunday Worship

May 10, 2015 – 10:00 AM

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin, and come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

***Gathering Song: Morning Has Broken**

Morning has broken, like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird. Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, praise for the springing fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven. Like the first dew fall, on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning. Born of the one light, Eden saw play. Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day.

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Song of Praise: Power Of Your Love – Geoff Bullock**

Lord, I come to you, let my heart be changed, renewed flowing from the grace that I've found in you; And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me will be stripped away by the power of your Love!

(Chorus:) Hold me close, let your love surround me. Bring me near, draw me to your side. And, as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with you, your spirit leads me on, in the power of your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see you face to face, the knowledge of your love as you live in me. And Lord renew my mind, as your will unfolds in my life in living every day, by the power of your love. *(Chorus)*

***All:** O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from I John

(4:7-2)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Song:** To You – Darlene Zschech

Here I stand, forever in Your mighty hand, living with Your promise written on my heart.

I am Yours, surrendered wholly to You. You set me in Your family, calling me Your own.

Now I, I belong to You, all I need Your Spirit, Your Word, Your truth. Hear my cry, my deep desire to know You more.

In Your name I will lift my hands to the King, this anthem of praise I bring. Heaven knows I long to love You with all I am.

(Repeat from beginning)

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

(15:9-17)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon (please be seated)

***Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Prayers of the People

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For Manakin Sabot, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially _____, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the Sunset Grill, that business would increase, employees would lead healthy lives, and many families and groups of friends would grow closer together as they gather in that restaurant, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the Congregations and clergy of St. Mary's, Goochland and St John's, McLean that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all pastors, ministers, missionaries, and servants of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For Christ Church, Glen Allen that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in the search and selection of a new rector, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that each would fulfill its God given purpose through the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: In the communion of St. Francis and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

All: **To Thee O, Lord our God.**

Priest: O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Exchange of Peace**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory: A Mother's Prayer – Keith and Kristyn Getty

Before you close your eyes to sleep, I have a promise still to keep as I hold you in my arms. I pray your little frame grows strong and that faith takes hold while you are young. This is my prayer for you.

Hold my hand; I'll teach you the Way to go. Through the joys, through the tears, the journey of these years, may you trust Him 'til the end. May you trust Him in the end.

This world is not as it should be, but the Savior opens eyes to see all that's beautiful and true.

Oh may His light fill all you are and the jewel of wisdom crown your heart. This is my prayer for you.

Hold my hand; I'll teach you the Way to go. Through the joys, through the tears, the journey of these years, He is with us 'til the end. He is faithful 'til the end.

You'll travel where my arms won't reach as the road will rise to lead your feet on a journey of your own. May my mistakes not hinder you but His grace remain and guide you through.

This is my prayer for you.

Take His hand and go where He calls you to. And whatever comes, seek Him with all your heart. This will be my prayer for you. Father, hear my ceaseless prayer. Oh keep her in your care.

***Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*** Eucharistic Prayer**

Priest: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest: Blessed are you, strong and faithful God. In the beginning your Word summoned light; night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created man and woman in your image, the crown of all creation. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

All (Sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All: All holy God, how wonderful the work of your hands! You restored the beauty of your image when sin had scarred the world. You embraced a people as your own and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail. Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Priest: Father, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over our earthly gifts of bread and wine. On the night he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation; he broke the bread among his disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." When supper had ended, he took a cup of wine; and gave thanks to you, God of all creation; he passed the cup among his disciples and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you, shed for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Father, we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation. By his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of bread. Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole church offers thanks and praise. We pray for those here present and all whose lives bring hope to the world.

Priest: Lord of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, those who have died alone, unloved, and unmourned, all whose faith is known only to you. Gathered with the apostles and all of your saints at last, all creation will be one, and all divisions healed. We shall join in singing your praise through your Son, Jesus the Christ.

All: By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

Priest: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

Communion Song: My Greatest Love Is You – Russell Fragar

Every new day Your glory unfolds filling my eyes with Your treasures untold. The beauty of holiness brings worship anew. My greatest love is You. (repeat)

(Chorus:) Call me deeper into Your grace. The river that flows from the Holy Place. Wash over me, cleansing me through. My greatest love is You.

(Repeat Verse and Chorus)

***Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

***Blessing**

Song of Dismissal: Multiply Your Love – Andy Park

Multiply Your love through us to the lost and the least. Let us be Your healing hands Your instruments of peace. May our single purpose be to imitate Your life. Through our simple words and deeds, let love be multiplied.

Multiply Your love through me to someone in need. Help me Lord to freely give this grace that I've received. Let my single purpose be to imitate Your life. Through my simple words and deeds, let love be multiplied.

(Chorus:) Let us see Your kingdom come to the poor and broken ones. Let us see a mighty flood of justice and mercy, O Jesus. Let love be multiplied, let love be multiplied.

Multiply Your church through us to the ends of the earth. Where there's only barrenness, let us see new birth. Use us as Your laborers working side by side. Let us see your harvest come, let love be multiplied. *(Chorus)* Let love be multiplied. Let love be multiplied. Let love be multiplied. Let love be multiplied.

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks are to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd
The Symphony Retirement Community
Ken Killian, Pete LeViness' stepfather
David Gammon

Sonny Baharloo
Christians in the Middle East
Wayne Connors

Robin and John Snow
Paula Gordon
Linda Eggleston

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin
Other Members: Larry Kidd

Junior Warden: Richard Walker
Libby Clark

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalicers for April, May and early June. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalicers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
10-May	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker
17-May	Kathy Gammon	Jack Martin	Kathy Gammon, Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford
24-May	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
31-May	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
7-Jun	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday, May 13	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 14	Region XII Ascension Day Service	Roslyn	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 17	Sunday Worship, followed by pot luck lunch	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 24	Sunday Worship	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Food Collection for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food to donate. Place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

Our Missional Communities:

The Parke will meet on May 17 at 5:00 p.m. for pot luck at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker 1661 Centerville Parke Lane, Manakin Sabot. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

Symphony - Bobbie and Pete LeViness will both be away on Sunday, May 24 (Memorial Day weekend), which is normally the Sunday they would offer a worship service at Symphony Hall. If anyone is interested in leading a worship service that Sunday at Symphony Hall (from about 9:00 to about 9:45 a.m. on May 24, please contact Bobbie as soon as you can at: bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

The Garden will meet on May 17 after the covered dish lunch.

Financial Update - If there are any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Funds		Net Gain
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2015			
1st Quarter	\$23,344.99	\$24,228.82	(\$883.83)
April	\$7,293.33	\$7,915.87	(\$622.54)
May	\$5,083.33	\$3,162.54	\$1,920.79
June	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
2nd Quarter	\$12,376.66	\$11,078.41	\$1,298.25
2015 Year-To-Date	\$35,721.65	\$35,307.23	\$414.42
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2015	\$32,005.82	\$32,420.24	\$ 414.42

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