

* THE HYMN 335

Though I May Speak

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* THE CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Watch Between Me and Thee

Eddleman



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

THE GATHERING

Mary Miller Brueggemann

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff, organist

*** THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Blessed be the name of our God from this time forth and forevermore!

People: **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of God is to be praised.**

Leader: It is good to give thanks to God, and to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

People: **We declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night.**

Leader: With gratitude and praise, let us worship God!

*** THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 483**

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

**(The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*



Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship.

Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 012.

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Greeters: Browning Fergus, Jane Stack, Gail Kitchens, Sanda Means, and Carson Myers

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Infant Volunteer: Heather Regnault

Toddler/Two's Volunteer: Dawn Bell

Three's Volunteers: Shanon Hall and Nathan Burgess

Pre-K Volunteers: Ibbey Bailey and Annie McNeill

K-1st Grade Volunteers: Ali and Ward Howell

2nd-3rd Grade Volunteer: Kyle Adams

Fellowship Hour: Ann and John Watson

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THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have promised to receive us when we come to you. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have disobeyed your law. We have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. Forgive us, O God. Grant that we may live and serve you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 473)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the **Peace of Christ** for special classes. Three-year-olds are in Room 208; Pre-K in 011; K - 1st grade in 001; 2nd - 3rd grade in 003; 4th - 6th grade in 005.)*

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)

THE MINUTE MESSAGE

Melinda Sandkam

THE FIRST LESSON

John 13:31-35

(page 102 in the pew Bible)

THE ANTHEM

Thy Perfect Love

John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast, that I Thee love and never rest; and make me love Thee of all things best, and wounde my heart in Thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with Thee. - text: 15th century

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

(page 122 in the pew Bible)

THE SERMON

“Restraining God”

Christopher Henry

*But a second time the voice answered from heaven,
'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' Acts 11:9*

*** THE HYMN 298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*** THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from A Declaration of Faith, 1985)

We believe our hope in God gives us courage for the struggle.

The people of God have often misused God's promises

as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.

But in Christ the new world has already broken in

and the old can no longer be tolerated.

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.

But hope plunges us into the struggle

for victories over evil that are possible now

in the world, the church, and our individual lives.

Hope gives us courage and energy

to contend against all opposition,

however invincible it may seem,

for the new world and the new humanity

that are surely coming.

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

Hymn tune: O Waly Waly

arr. Porter/Huff

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)