



***Our Vision***

*is to be Christ to each other and our  
community – doing justice, loving mercy  
and walking humbly with our God.*

*Sunday, May 9, 2021*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

The Lord's Day

May 9, 2021

The Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Traditional American Melody  
arr. Melody Bober

*O How I Love Jesus*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

*As the candles are lighted, we celebrate the presence of Christ, who is the Light.*

The Passing of the Peace

The Hymn of Praise, No. 246

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*The Church's One Foundation*

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation, by water and the Word;  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride,  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
3. 'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and Christ's great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
4. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won;  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

The Pastoral Prayer

Matt Johnson

The Psalm Reading

Rebecca and Stafford Turner

Psalm 98; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Lesson		Lee Anne Bailie
	<i>At this time, the children will be dismissed to Children's Church</i>	
The Epistle Reading		Matt Johnson
	1 John 5:1-6; NRSV	
	One: The Word of God for the People of God.	
	<b>All: Thanks be to God.</b>	
The Sermon		Matt Johnson
	<i>What Does Love Mean?</i>	
	<i>Love Means... Obeying</i>	
The Offertory Prayer		Kathy Hensley
The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings		
The Offertory Music		arr. Steven Graff
	<i>Hymns of Our Faith</i>	
	Dr. Steven Graff, piano	
The Doxology		OLD 100 <sup>th</sup>
	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.	
The Hymn of Response, No. 601		O HOW I LOVE JESUS
	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	
	1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth. O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!	
	2. It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!	
	3. It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!	
The Pastoral Benediction		Matt Johnson

*The Church's One Foundation*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

*As we prepare for service, the Light of Christ goes out before us.*

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We are pleased to have Dr. Steven Graff as a guest musician today. He is new to Spartanburg and Converse College as Professor of Piano. Dr. Graff holds degrees from the Julliard School and the City University of New York. Since his debut with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, he has performed at Carnegie Hall as well as Merkin and Alice Tully Halls in New York City. Dr. Graff has toured in Norway, Japan, and was featured most recently in a nine-city tour of China playing George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* with the Manhattan Symphonie. His many solo recitals include performances at the Bar Harbor Music Festival in Maine, Hawaii's Aloha International Piano Festival, and at the Gina Bachauer International Piano Foundation in Salt Lake City. In addition to his CD releases of contemporary piano music, he is a Steinway Artist. Welcome, Steven!

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