

Mendocino Presbyterian Church

Our Vision Statement

We are God's Love by:

- Feeding those in need • Singing with the joyful
 - Comforting the sick and the suffering
- Listening to those who want a voice • Walking in companionship with Jesus



Communion Sunday May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *God, We Gather As Your People* Matt Leach

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *De Rodillas Compartamos Hoy el Pan* MPC Choir

CENTERING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kathleen Alexander

We come to join with all the earth in praise:

to sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness. We praise the Lord with joyful noises

joining the symphony of the earth:

the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe. On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,

we greet you with joy, our living God!

*OPENING HYMN 71 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Jack Leung

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF GOD'S LOVE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* (Glory Be to the Father)

*Please stand if you are able.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Iona Community

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

THE WORD

SINGING OF THE PSALMS

Psalm 98

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*HYMN 111

When Morning Gilds the Skies

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 15: 9-17

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth JOHN RUTTER

MPC Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:1-6

Kathleen Alexander

SERMON

“What is Love?”

Rev. Matthew Davis

OFFERING

*Offering & Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

Doxology

THE EUCHARIST

*Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

*Please stand if you are able.

*HYMN 393

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

THE SENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BLESSING

Amen

MPC Choir

POSTLUDE

Jack Leung

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