

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
May 21, 2017
"Sixth Sunday Of Easter"

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 66)

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

For you, O God, have tested us and laid burdens on our backs;

Yet you have brought us out to a spacious place; truly God has listened
to the words of our prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not removed his steadfast love from us.

*HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" 376

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden
from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts.
Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain
desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our
faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

FIRST READING Acts 17:22-31

HYMN "There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit" 398

SECOND READING John 14:15-21

SERMON "Loved" Rev. Janell Blair

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

* HYMN "Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds" 412

POSTLUDE

**Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand*

Welcome: To all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Announcements: We will begin a new series of monthly Brown Bag Lunches with First United Methodist and Wesley United Methodist churches. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 6th at Noon at First UMC and Rev. Pam Lehman will lead the devotional.

There is a signup sheet available in the back of the sanctuary for you to list your favorite two or three hymns that can be found in our hymnal. This summer we will try to use as many favorite hymns in our worship as possible!

Marie Gould's' new address: 8645 Notre Dame Ave., Odessa Texas 79765.

Birthdays: May 24 – Larry Larson.

Anniversaries: No Anniversaries this week.

Flowers: Flowers were purchased this week by Larry and Nena Larson in honor of Larry's birthday.

Refreshments: Aleyene Watkins, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.

Newsletter: Deadline to submit articles and information for June newsletter is **May 22, 2017**. If you have an article or announcement please turn it in to Silvia or slip it under the door to her office.

Pastor: Rev. Janell Blair (361) 920-2492

Pianist: Marilyn Pearce

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9: 30 a.m. Sunday School – Upstairs Parlor Sunday School - Room 104 Ed. Wing
10: 1 0 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule **Session** – Session meeting – July 23, 2017
10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship

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