

May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday in Easter

*indicates when you are invited to stand
BOLDED WORDS are read aloud together

GATHERING

We are drawn together as God's beloved community

PRELUDE
Rejoice, My Soul

Chen Liang
KARG-ELERT

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Jeny Carlson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Carol Charles

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on Earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, God lives among the least and journeys with the rejected. Christ welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst, and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger, and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek, and be warmed by the fire of love.

***HYMN OF GATHERING #626**
As the Deer

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Rev. Martín Jiménez

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***GLORIA #582**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen

World without end, without end, Amen. (3x)

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, Amen

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Rev. Jeny Carlson

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

GOD'S WORD

We hear the testimony of God's faithful acts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carol Charles

Loving God, you provide for our every need.

You feed our bodies and our souls, yet we hunger to know and love you more and more. Nourish us with your Word today. Through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ps. 98
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Ain't No Mountain High Enough

NPC Choir
ASHFORD & SIMPSON

SECOND LESSON

John 15:9-17
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

No Greater Love

Rev. Jeny Carlson

*HYMN OF REFLECTION

Jesus Loves Me (Wishing Well Version)

Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong
They are weak but he is strong
Alleluia, alleluia...

Jesus loves me, he who died
Heaven's gates are open wide
He will take away my sin
And let this little child come in
Alleluia, alleluia...

Do you love him, does he know?
Have you ever told him so?
Jesus loves to hear us say
That we love him every day
So, help me run the race before me
Strong and brave to face my foe
Looking hourly onto Jesus
As each day on word I go
Alleluia, alleluia...

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
Once was lost, but now I'm found
Once was blind, but now I see
Amazing grace saved a wretch like me
Alleluia, alleluia...

THE EUCHARIST

We offer ourselves in thanksgiving. With gratitude, we receive God's gifts.

OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Jeny Carlson

*DOXOLOGY #608

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After the spoken prayer, there will be an open time of prayer for the congregation to offer a short sentence of prayer.

Leader: Lord, In your mercy,

Congregational refrain: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kin-dom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE SENDING

We move out into the world by the power of the Spirit in boldness

*HYMN OF SENDING #203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Dustin Wilson

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dustin Wilson & Kids

POSTLUDE

Zephyr

Chen Liang
DONKIN

626

As the Deer

D A Bm Dsus D
As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my
G A7sus A7 D G A7 D A
soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my
Bm Dsus D G Asus A7 D
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.
Bm Bm/A G D/F# G Bm
You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone
Em F#sus F# D A
may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my
Bm Dsus D G A7sus A7 D
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

This praise chorus begins as a paraphrase of Psalm 42:1 and later incorporates parts of Psalm 28:7. In some early Christian communities, people chanted or sang Psalm 42 on their way to be baptized, and many early Christian baptisteries were decorated with deer drinking water.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and

3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should

4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.