

MOUNT AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

MAY 21, 2017

11:00 a.m.

*Large print bulletins are available from the Ushers.*

*Hearing Assistance Devices – see the Sound Operator, Chris Miller or Eric Burgmann.*

*A single asterisk (\*) before the liturgy indicates that the congregation is to stand if able.*

*People's response in bold.*

*Please turn off your cell phones before the service begins.*

*The service begins with the prelude. This is a time for meditative prayer, silence, and centering.*

*Please be mindful of your neighbor's desire to prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nan Costello

*Please sign the welcome register (**include last names please**) and pass it to your neighbor. When all have signed, pass it back so you can see the names of those with whom you are worshipping. (**Please remove the signed page and place it in the offering plate**). Announcements are given by the liturgist. Those not printed in the bulletin must be handed to the liturgist before the service begins.*

INTROIT

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"  
Chancel Choir & Handbells

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,  
**God was.**

Here and now among us, beside us, within us,  
**God is.**

In the future, when we have turned to dust  
and all we know has found fulfillment,  
**God will be.**

Not denying the world, but delighting in it,  
Not condemning the world, but redeeming it,  
**God was, God is, and God will be.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

\*HYMN #804

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

Marion

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Confession (Unison)

**In you, Jesus Christ, we meet our maker and our match;**

**In your heart is both welcome and warning.**

**So if some of us need to say, "Help me,"**

**and if some need to say, "Save me,"**

**and if some need to say, "Hold me,"**

**and if some need to say, "Forgive me,"**

**then let these be said now in confidence by us.**

**Silence is kept for Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)**

The promise of Christ is to say to us, and do to us,  
and reveal within us the things that will make us whole.

**And so we wait in praise.**

**\*Response #591**

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, Halle

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Laudation”  
Handbells

Arnold B. Sherman

**MOMENT WITH YOUNGEST DISCIPLES**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE** Acts 17:22-31 pg. 137

**ANTHEM**

“If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments”  
Chancel Choir

Tallis

**SCRIPTURE** John 14:15-21 pg. 109

**SERMON** The Elusive God?

The Reverend Stacey Midge

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

**God has created the world of time and space  
to be the sphere of God’s dealings with humanity.**

**In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder,  
the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its creator.**

**\*HYMN #12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

St. Denio

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

*(Prayer requests may be noted on the clipboard on the Usher stand, in the narthex.)*

**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**Offertory**

“Towers”  
Handbells

Cathy Moglebust

**\*Doxology #716 vs. 3**      **“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**      Beach Spring  
**Treasure, too, You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred;**  
**ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.**  
**Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,**  
**healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.**

**Dedication**

**\*HYMN #822**      **“When We Are Living”**      Somos Del Señor

**CHARGE**

**BENEDICTION**

**\*Response #700, vs. 1**      **“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”**      I’m Gonna Live

**POSTLUDE**      **“We All Believe in One True God”**      Flor Peeters

**The Handbell Ringers today are:**

Patti Muhleman, Margaret Champion, Lisa Foster, Janet Lowry, Bo Miller, Earl Apel, Anna Kelma,  
Eileen Walsh-Rock, Gordon DeVinney, Rich Bitting, Chris Miller

Thank you wonderful ringers for the many gifts of beauty you have shared with our church this year!