

Madison Street United Methodist Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021 ~ 10:15 A.M.

A professionally staffed **nursery** and our **Kids Core** drop off are located through the double doors on the west side (front left) of the sanctuary.

Our nursery is available for children for infants through age 3. Kids Core is for students ages 4-5th grade.

In Kid's Core, children will learn more about God and worship in an exciting child-oriented way!

Kids Core is held in the following rooms: Pre-Kindergarten: Room 305, Kindergarten: Room 308, Grades 1-5: Room 307

Students will be returned to their families during the final hymn.

Restrooms are also located through the double doors on the west side (front left) of the sanctuary.

ENTRANCE

The Welcome

The Rev. Harriet J. Bryan

The Voluntary

Dr. Abigail D. Haake, organ

Her Children Rise Up and Call Her Blessed
Margaret Vardell Sandresky (b. 1921)

+The Call to Worship

The Rev. Valarie P. James

(+ indicates to stand)

Sing to God a new song,

for God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,

for God is still doing marvelous things!

Let the seas roar and the floods clap their hands!

For God is coming to judge the world with righteousness.

God is coming to judge the world with equity.

Sing to God a new song!

Let us pray:

God of songs and marvels, old and new,

your powerful love for this world

continues to astound us.

In these last days of Easter,

we gather to recall the love

that brought Jesus into this world

and into our lives:

as savior, friend, and brother.

We thank you for welcoming us into your household

and for trusting us with your marvelous work

to draw all people into the spacious home of your love. Amen.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to the throne thy trib - ute
 2. Praise the Lord for grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple in dis -
 3. Fa - ther-like, God tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame God
 4. An - gels in the heights, a - dor - ing, you be - hold God face to



bring; ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er-more God's prais-es
 tress; praise God, still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to
 knows; moth - er - like, God gent - ly bears us, res-cues us from all our
 face; saints tri - um-phiant, now a - dor-ing, gathered in from ev - ery



sing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 bless. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious now God's faith - ful - ness.
 foes. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.
 race. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

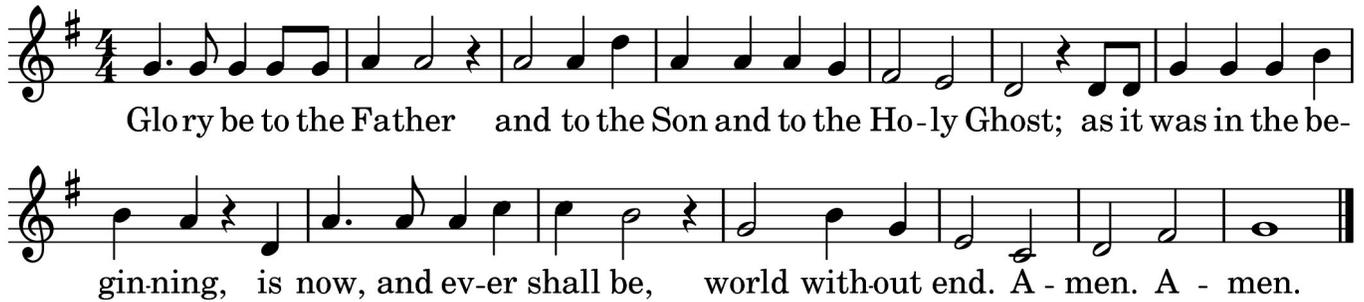
+The Affirmation of Faith

Rev. James

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 the third day he rose from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

+The Gloria Patri

MEINEKE



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

The Call to Confession

Rev. Bryan

Friends, it is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

Silent Confession

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Bryan

**Jesus, friend and brother,
you taught us to abide in your generous love,
for it completes our lives and gives us joy;
you ask us to love others as you have loved us,
for it brings your creation to fruition.
We sometimes struggle
to love the people in our lives
as you have loved us.
Forgive us, we pray,
and teach us your love again. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Bryan

Long ago Jesus said to his disciples,
"I have called you friends, because I have made
known to you everything that I have heard from God.
You did not choose me, but I chose you!"
Jesus still speaks these words to us today,
forgiving us and choosing us to be his friends
to share in his great work of love.
**As forgiven people may we always choose love.
Glory to God!
Amen.**

I Choose Love

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
 In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
 I await the sun again. I choose love.
 I choose love.
 In the midst of war, I choose peace.
 In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,
 I will seek the good once more. I choose peace.
 I choose peace.
 When my world falls down, I will rise.
 When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,
 I will climb to holy ground. I will rise.
 I will rise.
 In the midst of pain, I choose love.
 In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
 I await the sun again. I choose love.
 I choose love.
 Mark Miller (b. 1965)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. James

**Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
 Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your word; and give us grace that
 we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Psalter ~ Psalm 98

Yu Hirono, soloist

Verses (sung by the soloist)

1. God has done such marvelous things; (R) - *The Refrain is sung.*
2. Justice, love, and peace abound; (R)
3. Sing with the harp and the trumpet strong; (R)
4. Seas be glad, let the oceans roar; (R)

Refrain (All)

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Verses (sung by the soloist)

- (1.) God's great might all the earth now sings. (R)
- (2.) Israel's strength in the Lord is found. (R)
- (3.) To the Lord let your praise prolong. (R)
- (4.) Praises sound from shore to shore. (R)

Refrain (All)



Sing to the Lord a new song.

Verses (sung by the soloist)

- (1.) God's great power now is shown "God has triumphed," make it known. (R)
- (2.) When in need the people did call, God's great might was shown to all. (R)
- (3.) To the King lift up your voice. Shout your praise, in God rejoice. (R)
- (4.) God now comes to rule in might. God brings justice, truth, and light. (R)

Refrain (All)



Sing it out, sing it loud and strong;
Sing to the Lord a new song.

+The Gospel Lesson

John 15: 9-17

Rev. Bryan

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Love Says

Rev. Bryan

I Am Seen: People who experience love through "words of affirmation" are crying out to be seen. They want to know that what they do and who they are isn't going unnoticed. Being seen is a powerful experience.

Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity. We can choose to use this force constructively with words of encouragement, or destructively use words of despair. Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble.-Yehuda Berg

*After each petition, the pastor will conclude: Lord, in your mercy,
And all may respond: **Hear our prayer.***

Together, let us pray for:
the people of this congregation...
those who suffer and those in trouble...
the concerns of this local community...
the world, its people, and its leaders...
the church universal—its leaders, its members, and its mission...
the communion of saints...

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

Rev. Bryan

Your generosity enables us to make a difference in our community and world. For your safety and convenience, you will find giving stations in the narthex and at the front of the sanctuary. To give online, go to madisonstreetumc.org/giving. Text to give from your phone. Text REGISTER to 931.263.7485. Once registered, use the same number to text your desired dollar amount.

The Act of Praise

Melody Fish, soloist

You Say

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough.
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up.
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?
Remind me once again just who I am because I need to know.
You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing.
You say I am strong when I think I am weak.
You say I am held when I am falling short.
And when I don't belong you say I am yours.
And I believe. Oh, I believe what you say of me.
The only thing that matters now is everything you think of me.
In you I find my worth. In you I find my identity.
Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at your feet.
You have every failure, God, and you'll have every victory.

Lauren Daigle (b. 1979)

SENDING FORTH

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Bryan

+The Hymn

HANKEY

I Love to Tell the Story



1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems
3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
4. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en dreams.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me; and that is just the
I love to tell the story, for some have nev - er heard the message of sal -
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old



long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
rea - son I tell it now to thee. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill
va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
sto - ry that I have loved so long.



be my theme in glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

+The Charge and Benediction

Rev. Bryan

+The Postlude

Dr. Abigail Haake, organ

Praise, My Soul, the King Of Heaven
Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of all Mothers... past, present and future.
We celebrate them and the way they protect, inspire, nurture and love.
Betty Darnell Fund*

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SERVICE NOTES

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Harriet J. Bryan ~ Senior Pastor
The Rev. Valarie P. James ~ Assoc. Pastor for Congregational Care

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Beverly Woodard ~ Associate Director of Music & Pianist

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Refrain text: Psalm 98:1a
Verses text: Hal H. Hopson. © 2008 Birnamwood/MorningStar Music Publishers.
Music: Refrain and Verses: Tune: MADRID (SPANISH HYMN), a Spanish folk melody (PD).
Setting: Hal H. Hopson. © 2008 Birnamwood/MorningStar Music Publishers.

The Hymns

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1834.
Music: (LAUDA ANIMA 87.87.87) John Goss, 1869.

I Love to Tell the Story
Words: Katherine Hankey, ca. 1868.
Music: (HANKEY 76.76 D) William G. Fischer, 1869.

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DISCOVERING YOUR LOVE LANGUAGE:

A free quiz is available at 5lovelanguages.com.

In lieu of taking the quiz, you may also ask yourself these questions:

*How do I most often express my love to God?
What do I most often complain to God about?
What do I request of God most often?
How do I most often express love to other people?*