Fruitland and Payette United Methodist Churches

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 17, 2020

## Prelude: “How Majestic is Your Name,” by Michael W. Smith

## Welcome and Announcements

*Welcoming the Light of Christ*

## Interlude: “I Love You, Lord,” by Laurie Klein

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## Calling Song “This Is My Father’s World” UMH #144

**This is my Father’s world.**

**O let me ne’er forget**

**that though the wrong seems oft so strong,**

**God is the ruler yet.**

**This is my Father’s world:**

**why should my heart be sad?**

**The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!**

**God reigns; let the earth be glad!**

## Responsive Reading from Psalm 66:16-20

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God;

let me tell you what he has done for me..

**People: I cried out to him with my mouth;**

**his praise was on my tongue.**

Leader: If I had cherished sin in my heart

the Lord would not have listened;

**People: But God has surely listened**

**and has heard my prayer.**

**All: Praise be to God,**

**who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me.**

## Unison Invocation

**Heavenly Father,**

**we gladly acknowledge your presence among us today.**

**Use these moments of worship**

**to renew our love for you and our neighbors.**

**Help us reaffirm our decision to follow Jesus Christ**

**in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## Hymn “God Will Take Care of You” UMH #130

**Be not dismayed whate’er betide, God will take care of you;**

**Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.**

(Refrain)

***God will take care of you, through every day, o’er all the way;***

***He will take care of you, God will take care of you.***

**Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;**

**When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.**

(Refrain)

**No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;**

**Lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you.**

(Refrain)

## Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

## New Testament Reading Acts 17:22-31

God’s Word for God’s people! **Thanks be to God!**

## Offering our gifts and tithes

## Offertory: “Simple Gifts,” a traditional Shaker hymn arranged by LaniF Smith

## Offering prayer:

**Gracious, giving God,**

**we acknowledge your faithfulness.**

**With you we always have plenty and enough to share.**

**Forgive us when we have focused on ourselves**

**And have failed to see those around us.**

**Help us become more like Jesus,**

**the one through whom we pray. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

## Hymn “In His Time” TFWS #2203

**In his time, in his time; he makes all things beautiful in his time.**

**Lord, please show me every day as you’re teaching me your way,**

**That you do just what you say in your time.**

**In your time, in your time;**

**You make all things beautiful in your time.**

**Lord, my life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing**

**be to you a lovely thing in your time.**

## Message “Always Be Ready” 1 Peter 3:13-22

## Commitment Hymn “Pass It On” UMH #572

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going,**

**And soon all those around can warm up to its glowing.**

**That’s how it is with God’s love once you’ve experienced it;**

**You spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.**

**What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding,**

**The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.**

**That’s how it is with God’s love once you’ve experienced it;**

**You want to sing, it’s fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.**

**I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I’ve found;**

**You can depend on him, it matters not where you’re bound.**

**I’ll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know;**

**The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.**

## Benediction

**May the peace of the Lord Jesus go with you   
wherever he may send you.**

**May he guide you through the wilderness,**

**protect you through the storm.**

**May he bring you home rejoicing   
at the wonders he has shown you.**

**May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors**

He is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

## Postlude: “He’s got the whole world in His hands,” a traditional African-American spiritual arranged by Lani Smith

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