

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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