

Milliken Presbyterian Church



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Mother's Day

May 9, 2021

The Gathering of God's People

** Indicates "Please stand as you desire or are able"*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 98)

Sing to the Lord a new song. Let the mountains quake.

We worship a God of wonder.

Sing praises to our God. Let the musicians join the heavenly chorus.

We worship a God of saving love.

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth. Let the seas roar and the rivers clap their hands.

We worship a God of majesty and might.

Come, worship the Lord!

***Prayer**

***Hymn "For The Beauty of The Earth"**

See Insert for hymn lyrics

Call to Confession

The One who calls us to repent, hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Source of love, you call us to love one another as Christ has loved us, but that can be a difficult thing. You promise us joy if we give ourselves to love, yet we cling to hurts that rob us of the offered gift. You invite us to sing a new song and set our hearts free from the chains that bind us, yet we cleave to familiar paths and old, familiar ways. Heal us O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us once more, that our lips may sing your praise and our hearts may leap with joy. Help us live as children of your love. Amen

A Time of Silent Confession. . . In Christ's name we pray.
Amen

Words of Assurance

The One who establishes justice throughout the world, the One who loves us as a Father loves his children, the One who tends us as a Mother tends her young, draws us into the embrace of unconditional love. Everyone who believes in the child of the Holy One is born of God. In Christ we are made well.

Thanks be to God!

The Hearing of God's Word

First Scripture | John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

Second Scripture | John 15:9-17

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

Message

You Are My Friends

Donna Herman

***Hymn**

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

See insert for hymn lyrics

Responding to God's Word

Thoughts on a “Noble Woman - Portions of Proverbs 31

***Prayers of the People, followed by the Lord's Prayer**

Milliken Presbyterian Church Belief Statement

We receive the scriptures of the Old and New Testament as authoritative for our study and prayer. We seek to stand on that foundation and to live by God's written word. We look to the life of Christ as revealed in the gospels as where we want to align our lives with Him as Lord and Savior. Our relationship with Christ is a call to make Him known. We readily accept opportunities to share Christ's love of all people within the world.

The Sending of God's People

God's love is at work right now in our lives.

Christ walks with us even now as we show love to all.

The wind of the Spirit is blowing us out the door on the wings of love.
In God's love, with Christ's love, by the Spirit's love, we go to be love in the world.

Go with God!

***Benediction**