

June 25, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude
"Abide With Me" Pam Colbrunn
William H. Monk

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: Incline your ear to us, O God. Hear our praises.

People: Awaken our hearts. We are your servants.

Liturgist: We lift up our souls to you, for you, O God, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

People: When our days are filled with trouble we call on you, knowing you will answer.

Liturgist: Your people everywhere glorify your name, for you are slow to anger and quick to listen.

People: Speak to us, gracious Lord, and show us the way.

**Opening Hymn "Christ Is Alive" (v.1,2,4,5) UMH #318

Opening Prayer (unison)

Thank you, Loving Spirit, for the warmth of summer and for your invitation to embrace abundant life. Your promise of resurrection allows past troubles to die, as we rise with you to new life. Inspire us to follow your lead, even when it requires us to bear a cross of sacrifice in your name. May our love for you be complete, as we share words and acts of compassion with a world that yearns for your peace. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "I Need The Every Hour" (v.1,2,4,5) UMH #397

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Offering/Offertory "Ain-a That Good News!" Pam Colbrunn
Traditional Spiritual

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, your morning sun gives life, your evening breeze refreshes the soul. As life grows to its fullest this summer, let us give generously and repeatedly. Through our gifts, may the hungry be fed, the lonely find good friends, and the grieving find comfort. With these offerings, we offer our own lives, that we may rise again to live with you. Amen.

Scripture Reading Romans 6:1-11

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Alive to God" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "And Are We Yet Alive" (v.1,2,5,6) UMH #553

**Sending Forth

Postlude "All Creatures of our God and King" Pam Colbrunn
arr. Fred Bock



The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Phyllis Nickoson.

Scripture Reading – Romans 6:1-11 (NRSV)

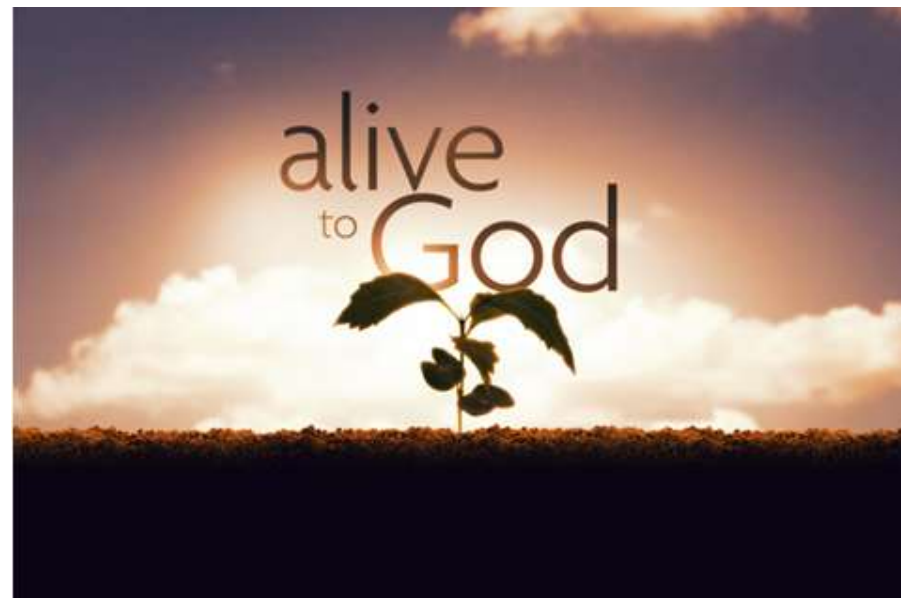
Dying and Rising with Christ

⁶ What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

June 25, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Bob Whipp, Edward Stidham, Doug Wickline
Greeter	Dr. Paul Dillaplain, Elaine Hughes
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Guest Pianist	Pam Colbrunn



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