



EL SEGUNDO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6th Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

Prelude

Patty Breitag

Welcome

Rev. Kaleb Oh

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Brad Stine

One: Abide in Christ's love, a wellspring so deep,

All: Where hearts overflow, a promise to keep.

One: As He loved you first, Love one another

All: With our joy complete, we now share with each other.

One: Rooted in Christ's love, a bond ever strong,

All: We flourish and grow, where we truly belong.

*Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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*Opening Prayer

Liturgist

Loving God, as we gather today, open our hearts to your boundless love. May we, inspired by your love for us, love one another with a joy that overflows. Guide us to live in unity, reflecting your light in the world. Amen.

Anthem

Tuya Es La Gloria
arr. by Susan T. Sylvester

Bells of Joy
Chancel Choir

For the Children

Announcements & Offering Message

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God, above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Maker, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

The Word of God

John 15:9-17

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!**A Word about the Word**

Abiding Part 2

Rev. Kaleb

A Time of Prayer**Hymn**

The Summons

TFWS 2130

Invitation to Christ's Table

Holy Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to all who seek God's love in Jesus Christ. All children, as well as adults, are welcome to participate.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silence**Assurance of Pardon**

We continue to celebrate the resurrection as it is still the Easter season. The stone is still rolled away, Christ is still risen, and his life still brings new life into each and every one of us. He loved us, even while we were still sinners, so that we can still confidently come into his presence and take part in the joy of eternal life. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving**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.

Distribution of Bread and Cup**Communion Music**

We invite those worshiping from home to use elements of your choosing to represent the bread and juice that would usually be used during our in-person service. Pastor Kaleb will pray a blessing over all the elements that will be used for our virtual Communion service during The Great Thanksgiving. We thank you for joining together in Spirit at Christ's virtual table. We know that our loving and gracious God sees our desire and heart to worship God no matter our location, situation, or selection of Eucharist elements.

Benediction*Benediction Response***A Celtic Blessing*

May the blessing of light be with you;
may the sunshine warm your heart.

May the love of Christ enfold you,
and never from you part.

And ever as you wander, wherever you are led,
may the Grace of God's protection
be always on your head.

May the blessings of God,
may the blessings of God be with you. Amen.

Postlude*Make a Joyful Noise*

Bells of Joy

By Kevin McChesney

Today's altar flowers are given by Polly Price in memory of her parents, Gerald and Martha McCrimmon.

Our thanks to all those who have made today's service possible:

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Our Vision Statement

Following the example of Jesus Christ, El Segundo United Methodist Church seeks to be a community of faith that embodies the love of God:

- *by reaching out and welcoming all, especially those on the margins of society*
- *by creating a safe space in which all are supported on their faith journey;*
- *and by serving the needs of the community and beyond.*

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