

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
 Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



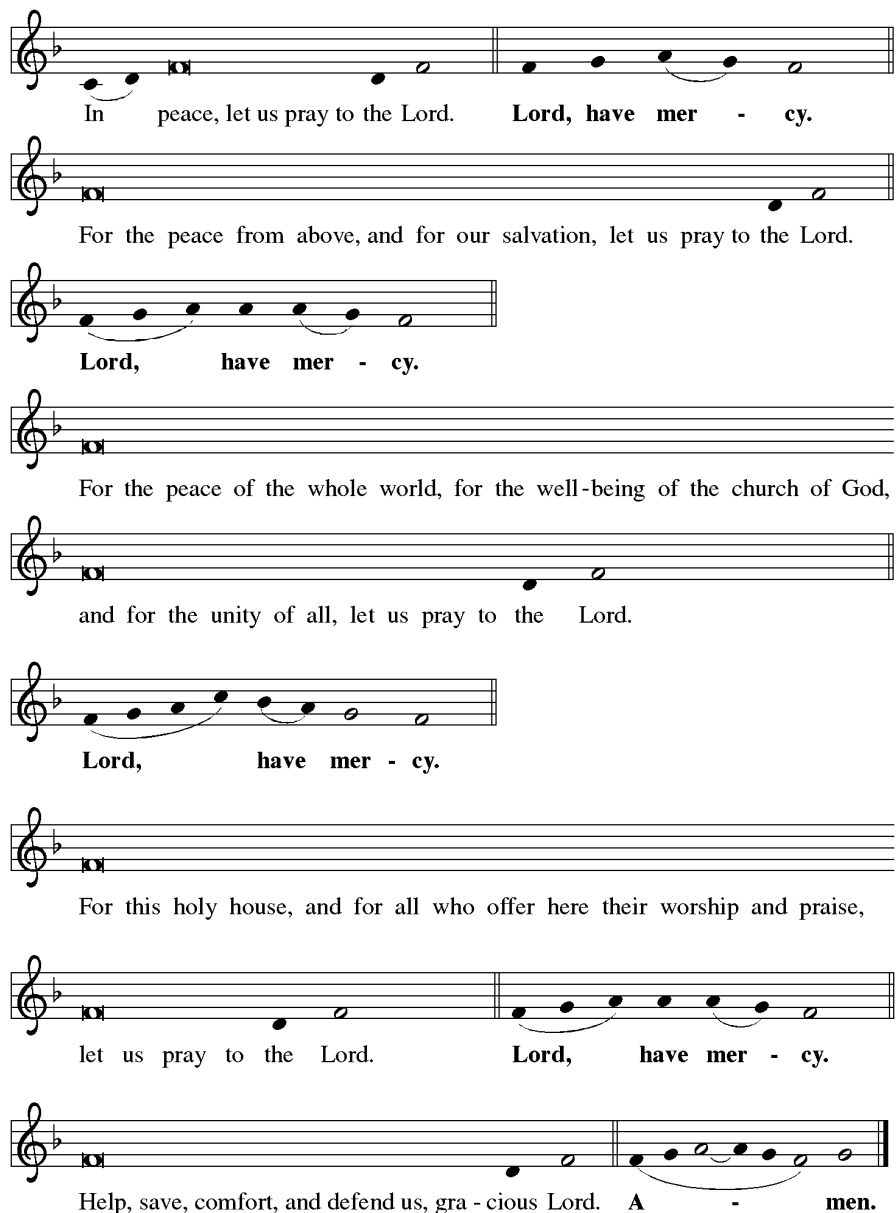
thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

ELW 410



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -

friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the

strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to

one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank

God for grace and mer - cy!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalms 66:8-12

Read in unison

⁸Bless our God, you peoples;

let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹Our God has kept us among the living

and has not allowed our feet to slip.

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹You brought us into the net;

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: "Alleluia 7," Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, and the Taizé Community
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THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-21

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John, the fourteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Jesus Loves Me
 (Sunday School Children)

traditional

HOMILY



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
 sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they
 sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

To the words "Hear us, O God," the congregation responds **"Your mercy is great."**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Martha Mier

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

ELW 188

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

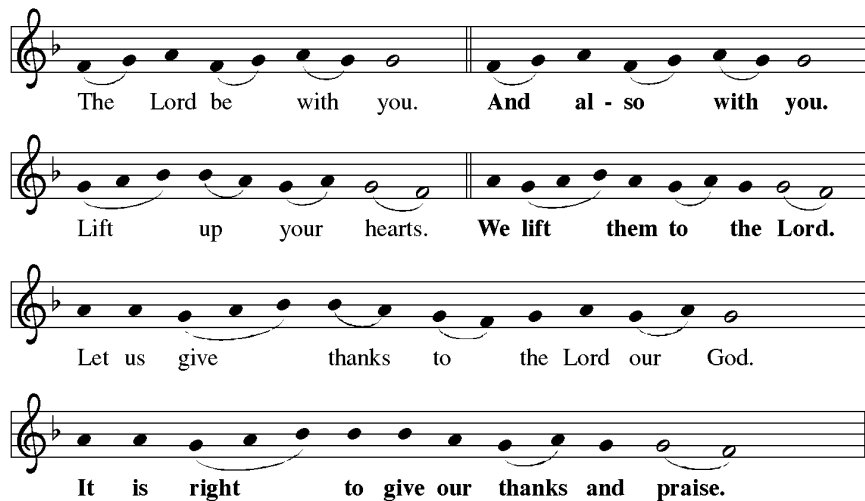
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Before the Risen Christ, let us again acknowledge our need for forgiveness and grace,

To you, O God, all hearts are open, to you all desires are known. We come to you, confessing our sins and humbly seeking your forgiveness. Grant us mercy and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. And now He calls us to the Table of Love where he meets us anew in bread and cup.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

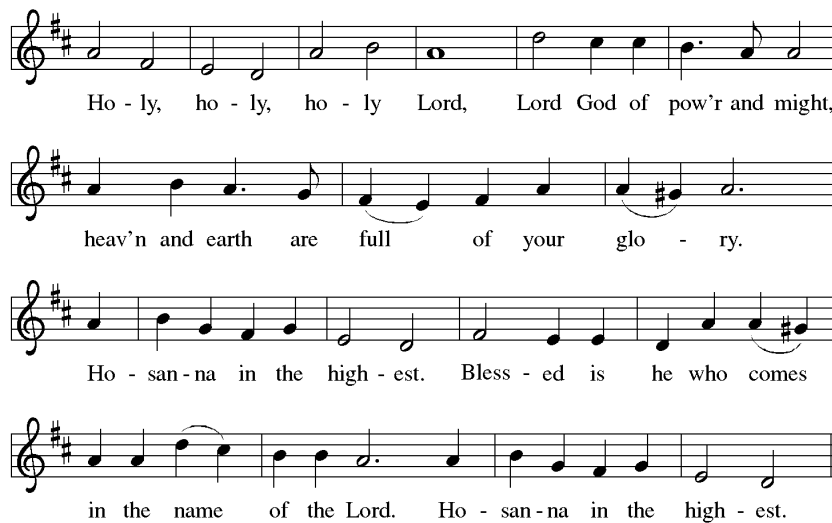
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 and ever. Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION - At the Lord's Table we share in the gift of Jesus' body and blood. Please bring an empty glass from the head of the aisle to receive wine from a pouring cup. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses near the empty ones. If you need a gluten-free option for bread, please indicate that to the person with bread. Peel away communion kits are also available for any who so desire. Blessings will be given to those not yet communing.

COMMUNION HYMN

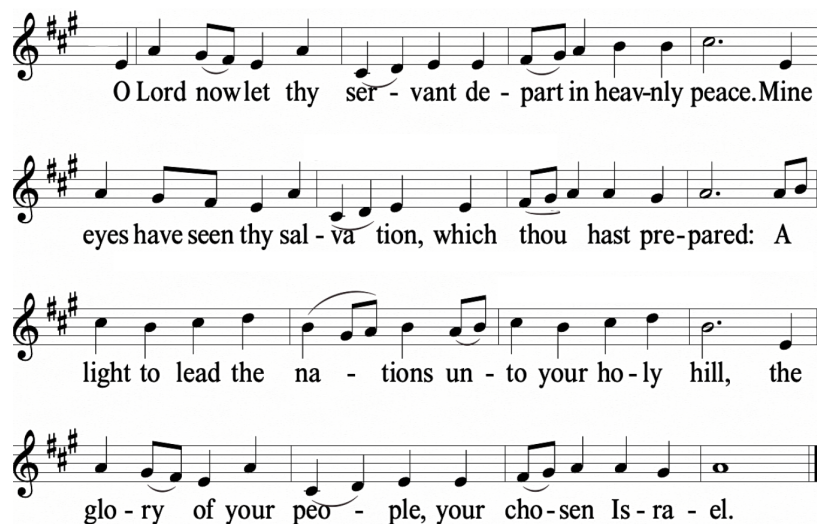
Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;
let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS



O Lord now let thy ser - vant de - part in heav-nly peace. Mine
eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion, which thou hast pre-pared: A
light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill, the
glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

Text: NUNC DIMITTIS
Tune: ELLACOMBE

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 839



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,
who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,
who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;
with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Easter Song

Peery

St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church Hosts

ICONS IN TRANSFORMATION

Free Art Exhibit Benefiting Ukrainian Refugees

ICONS in Transformation is an internationally acclaimed traveling art exhibit featuring contemporary works by expressionist Ludmila Pawlowska, depicting light, love, spirituality, and time through her unique medium of three-dimensional paintings.

Debuting in Annapolis for the first time at St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church from April 23 through June 11, 2023, this engaging exhibit is free and open to the public. All artist's proceeds benefit Ukrainian Refugees.

**April 23 through
June 11, 2023**

Sundays, Noon to 2 p.m.

Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m.

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Reserve your free exhibit tour today
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Serving in Worship Today		
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Dave Oravec	
Organist	Kim Rosekrans	
Altar Set Up	Altar Guild	
Media Technician	Sara Wetz	
	8:00	10:00
Assisting Minister	Chris Converse	Marlys McDevitt
Communion Assistants	Eric Linton	Mel Tuckfield Bob Drumm
Lector	Michael Walsh	Joy Fernon
Ushers	Barb and Tom Freeman	Larry Day David Moday Dave Mattingley Linda Wetz
Communion Clean Up	Barb Freeman	Carolyn and Tony Anzalone



Next Sunday, May 21st at 3 PM we will welcome renown organist, **Monte Maxwell**, to our organ bench.

As the Chapel Organist, Director of Chapel Music and the Midshipmen Symphony Orchestra at the United States Naval Academy since 1997, Monte is a tremendous blessing to our community.

We are extremely excited to welcome Monte, especially during Commissioning Week! Bring friends to see the art installation and to share in this very special concert. A free will offering will be received.

THE CANDLE IS GIVEN TODAY

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF OUR
GRANDDAUGHTER, ALEXANDRA CHARLOTTE,
WHO GRADUATED MAGNA CUM LAUDE
YESTERDAY FROM WOODWARD ACADEMY,
ATLANTA, GEORGIA AND WILL ATTEND THE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA IN THE FALL
BY GENE AND ANNA MARIE HUMPHREY

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Opportunities This Week

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

- 7:00 am** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Double T)
4:00 pm Icons Exhibit Open

Thursday, May 18, 2023

- 11:30 am** Mid-day Bible Study (Double T)
6:30 pm Good Night with God (Zoom)

Saturday, May 20, 2023

- 10:00 am** Icons Exhibit Open

Sunday, May 21, 2023

- 8:00 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm Icons Exhibit Open
3:00 pm Monte Maxwell Concert (Sanctuary)



Camp S.E.E.D.S. of Hope

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for our 3rd annual intergenerational camp the **week of July 24-27**. We will meet each evening (Monday through Thursday) for food, fun, fellowship and learning.

Camp begins at 6:00pm with dinner together. After dinner, there will be singing, crafts, games, service projects and learning stories of hope from the Bible.

All ages are welcome. There will be activities for everyone. Bring a friend or relative and join us for fun.

Scan the QR code below to register for camp or call the church office.

