

Sunday, May 22, 2022  
Easter Six

### Welcome

**Gathering Hymn: MV 79 Spirit, Open My Heart**

### Candle Lighting

In darkness, **there is light.**

In sadness, **there is hope.**

In death, **there is light, love and life everlasting!**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Call to Worship

Come, listen to stories of faith from long ago and celebrate Christ, with us here and now. **Come, help create holy possibilities for the future.**

Come, drink fresh waters from the river of life. **Come, join generation upon generation in worshipping God.**

*\* Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there, I am there (MV 14)*

### Opening Prayer

**Ever-guiding Spirit, open us to the paths you call us to travel. Open us to the ones with whom you would have us minister. Open us to the world you have made for us. May we welcome one another with hearts of grace, that together we may be hospitable to your purposes. Amen.**

**Hymn: VU 371 Open My Eyes That I May See**

### Prayer of Confession

### Words of Assurance

## The Peace Prayer before Scripture

### Scripture

Psalm 67; VU page 786

**John 14: 23-29**

**\*Behold, I Make All Things New (MV 115)**

### Reflection

### *Inspirational Hymns*

### Invitation to the Offering + Doxology VU 541

*Jesus spent much time in prayer. He prayed for compassion for others. Let us remember that as we take up our offering this morning.*

### Offertory Prayer

### Announcements

### Prayers of the people

*We pray for those whom we hold close to our hearts, in silence or with their names spoken here.*

### Lord's Prayer

*\*Listen in the Silence...*

### Blessing

*As we extinguish the candle we say...*

**Without darkness, there can be no light. We extinguish the flame but carry the light of Christ in our hearts until we can be together again.**

### Benediction

**Closing Hymn: VU 433 Day Is Done**

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Today's service will be led by Dennis Brown.

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