



Becoming a beloved community of God where all belong.
Sixth Sunday of Easter May 4, 2024

Prelude: *Allegretto Tranquillamente; Opus 68, No. 5* | Edvard Grieg, Ed. Maurice Hinson

Opening Hymn: H-191 | *Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise* (omit v. 3)

Gospel Hymn: H-297 | *Descend, O Spirit, purging flame*

Offertory Anthem: *Beloved, Let Us Love One Another* | Words: I John 4: 7-9, P. M. Y. | Music: Philip M. Young

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God;
And they who love are born of God, and know God: for God is love.
In this the love of God was made known;
That God sent his Son, his only Son, that we might live through him. for God is love.

Communion Hymn: H-706 | *In your mercy, Lord, you called me*

Closing Hymn: H-292 | *O Jesus, crowned with all renown*

Postlude: *Menuet* | Jean-Philippe Rameau, Ed. Maurice Hinson

The Collect/ Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Readings: https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BEaster6_RCL.html#ps1

Psalm 98 – Prayed responsively by whole verse

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 **With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 **Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**

- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 **In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts, may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

Send your blessing upon these your servants as they begin another year of married life together, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness, patience, wisdom, and grace, that what they have begun together they may end in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Laredo Grill – Monday, May 6 at 6:00 PM. Join us for supper at Laredo Grill and support St. Nick's Educational Partnership at El Hogar, Honduras. Write "St. Nick's" on the restaurant receipt. Laredo Grill is located at 347 Muddy Branch Rd, Gaithersburg, MD.

Refugee Household Care Packages – Thank you for your donations to the care packages for local households where refugees will be living.

Garden Angels – Please sign up to help in the garden [using this link](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AEA92FA0FA7-45757430-garden). We are hoping to have people helping on Sundays and during the week for watering and weeding. Many hands make lighter work!
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Roberta Miller Learning Cottage – The Learning Cottage should be moved to the final location. If you would like to donate toward the final project, specifically, the electrical work to connect to the fire alarm system, please make a check out to **St. Nicholas** with *Learning Cottage* on the memo line. The Learning Cottage will be used for Sunday School and other meetings.

St Nick's Performing Arts Club - If you enjoy performing arts, high school musicals, theatre, concerts, etc. we are creating the St. Nick's Performing Arts Club. Please email [Alicia Frechette](mailto:Alicia.Frechette@gmail.com) at frechetteaa@gmail.com or [Lisa MacPhee](mailto:LisaMacPhee@gmail.com) at simpleknitwit0@gmail.com if you're interested in receiving invitations to local performances.

Girl Scout Camp Helpers Needed - Camp Sunshine - July 15-19; Monday- Wednesday 9-3, Thursday 9-7, Friday 9-Noon. Theme: Exploration in the Sun at Boyds Presbyterian Church, Boyds, MD. We are looking for adults, girls and teens who want to earn SSL hours - we will train girls to be PAs. Contact Tess Ericson at GSCampSunshine.Boyd.MD@gmail.com.

Save the Date – Sunday, June 30 – Bishop Mariann will be visiting St. Nicholas for our 10:00 service and will, hopefully, dedicate the Roberta Miller Learning Cottage.