

REHOBOTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Church in the Village



Teresa of Ávila, Ávila Spain

MAY 5, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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REHOBOTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
- UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST -
REHOBOTH, MA

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May 5, 2024

2024
Ten O'Clock

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ORDER OF WORSHIP

The congregation is invited to join in on the **bold** print.
The congregation is invited to rise.

GATHERING MUSIC:

If you are joining us virtually, the live feed will begin at 9:50AM.

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If you have an announcement to make, please use the microphone at the lectern.

INTROIT

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

RCC Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)

Let us come into the company of Jesus, who calls us friends.

Come, risen Lord, be present among us.

Let us come to the Table, where all are fed.

Come, risen Lord, and meet us here.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Jesus, you call us into a relationship with you, promising us your abiding friendship. Forgive us the times we have been fickle, or distractable. Help us to know ourselves as you see us, as beloved. Help us to know and receive others as your beloved too.

As we worship today, may our shared experience draw us into greater intimacy with you and with all your people. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE: (responsively)

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear and trust in the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. In Jesus Christ, we are invited to begin again.

Praise and thanks be to God! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI**Red #513**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE:

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

TIME FOR CHILDREN:

Children will return to their families after the children's message in order that they may join us at Jesus' welcome table.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together (v.1-2)

Red #288

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Welcome to Jesus' table.

We are glad to be here!

Lift up your hunger.

We do not need to hide our needs before God.

Prepare yourself to be hosted and fed.

The Bread of Life is our joy and satisfaction.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion will be distributed by the Deacons.

At RCC, we have an open table - all are welcome to partake in communion! You are invited to hold the elements until everyone has received one. We will eat and drink them together.

All bread is gluten-free, dairy-free, nut-free and soy-free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (unison)

Thank you, thank you, thank you, God,

for making grape and wheat

and sun and rain

and us ourselves.

Thank you for the gift of life!

May we tend that life, your life,

in all living things and the Earth itself. Amen.

HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together (v.3)

Red #288

The children will now be dismissed to Sunday School. Parents, please accompany younger children downstairs.

SCRIPTURE: John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Spiritual Friendship

Interim Pastor Helen Nablo

ANTHEM

O Jesus, I have Promised

RCC Choir

SHARING CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER SONG

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Thank You, Lord

RCC Choir

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS WITH THE DOXOLOGY

Red #515

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

Blue #466

BENEDICTION

We have sung, we have prayed,
we have worshiped together.

Now we go back out into the world.

**We came together to build relationships,
relationships with each other, and our relationship with Jesus.**

**We go out as people who are strengthened by our connections –
Ready to love and to serve.**

Ready to carry God's love to the world.

As you journey through the ups and the downs of the coming week,
let us remember that God, who has invited us into relationship,
is always with us.

Go with God, as the people of God.

So be it! Amen

POSTLUDE

O Worship The King

WORSHIP RESOURCES:

Our responsive benediction today was posted by Rev. Gord on his blog, [Worship Offerings](#)

WELCOME TO THE REHOBOTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship today! There are restrooms located in the Narthex and the back of Fellowship Hall (which you can access through the hallway behind the sanctuary). *Masks are optional.*

FELLOWSHIP

Let us break bread together! Please join us for coffee and goodies in Fellowship Hall after worship. Exit the sanctuary through the door in the front of the sanctuary. Fellowship Hall is at the end of the hallway.

BUSY BOXES & COLORING PAGES

Busy boxes and coloring pages for kids are available in the narthex. Grab them anytime.

NURSERY

We love the sound of babies chatting during worship! If you prefer to keep your infants and toddlers in the sanctuary with you during worship, that's completely fine! If you would like to visit the RCC Nursery, it is open and staffed by our Nursery Care Provider, Jenn Danforth, throughout the entire service. **The nursery is in the Church School wing downstairs - the first room on the left hand side.**

CHURCH SCHOOL

Children (age 3 - 8th grade) are invited to begin in worship with their families. They will be dismissed to Church School after communion. Please escort them downstairs to ensure there are enough helpers in the classrooms before returning to worship.

GREETERS

We are looking for volunteers to serve as greeters on Sunday mornings. Greeters arrive at church at 9:30AM to hand out bulletins and greet people at the front door if you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex.

BELL RINGERS & ACOLYTES

Is your child interested in ringing the bell before worship or lighting the candles on the altar during worship? Please let one of the Deacons know!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 9th

10:00AM | Bible Study

6:30PM | Choir Rehearsal


Sunday, May 12th

Mother's Day

10:00AM | Worship

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