

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

A Time of Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we come to worship, rest assured that God is present here.

PEOPLE: We open our hearts and find the God that dwells within.

Leader: Hope in God and trust this truth: God's love and grace are ours.

PEOPLE: God calls us to share that love and grace in all the world.

*OPENING HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* # 158

UNISON PRAYER God of love and grace, as you welcome us to this time of worship today, we also welcome you to be within us. Breathe your love and grace into our very being, we pray. Open our hearts that we may know the truth of your presence and the glory of your love. Show us how to love one another in the words you share with us today. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 98 (response one) # 818

Act of Confession and Pardon

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious God, in our wanderings and selfish desires, we

have forsaken fellowship with our families, friends, and neighbors;

PEOPLE: We have neglected our relationship with you, choosing worldly pleasures over truth, justice, and righteousness.

Leader: In a world of plenty, we have hoarded our earthly blessings, rather than storing up our heavenly treasures.

PEOPLE: Free us from all that leads to the less than full life you would have us live that we may truly reveal the presence of Christ in our lives.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: In faith, we call out to a loving and forgiving God, seeking to put aside our old life and put on Christ. God surely answers our prayers.

PEOPLE: In the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Hearing God's Word

EPISTLE READING Acts 10.34-48 (pg.129)

CHORAL ANTHEM

EPISTLE READING I John 5.1-12 (pg. 241)

GOSPEL READING John 15.9-17 (pg.109)

SERMON *Abiding In God's Love*

*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* # 384

Responding To God's Word

A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer # 895
Choral Prayer Response

RECEIVING and CONSECRATING OUR GIFTS and OFFERINGS

Offertory and *Doxology # 95
*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

*CLOSING HYMN *They'll Know We Are Christians...* # 2223

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF BENEDICTION

Leader: Remembering that we abide in Christ's love,

PEOPLE: We are renewed in hope.

Leader: With Christ as our center,

**PEOPLE: We are sent into the world to share God's love
with all that we meet.**

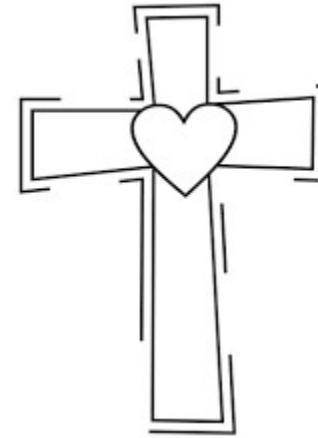
SUNG BENEDICTION *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* (vs 1) # 664

*POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders

Monica McCusker, Lay Reader
Verne Smith, Video Production Manager
Debbie Greim, Organist and Choir Director
Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor

*Boldly Caring for our
Community*



Grounded in God's Love

Lisbon United Methodist Church
welcomes, nurtures, and serves
all people
with the love of Christ.