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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2015

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Preparation Music

(Please be seated and prepare yourself for worship)

The Entrance of the Light

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

*Ring of the Bell

*Gathering Music-Please stand and join the choir in singing:

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead.

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose from the dead.

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead,

And God's grace will bear my spirit home. (sing twice)

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn: Faith of Our Mothers

1. Faith of our mothers, living still

In cradle song and bedtime prayer;

In nursery lore and fireside love,

Thy presence still pervades the air; (continued)

**Refrain: Faith of our mothers, living faith!
We will be true to thee till death.**

**2. Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race: (Refrain)**

**3. Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt.
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without: (Refrain)**

**4. Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In trust beyond our church's creeds
Still serve the home and serve the world
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds: (Refrain)**

Reading of Scripture: John 15:12-17

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: Loving God, we confess that we have not always loved you with all our heart, our mind and our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as your Son, Jesus, commanded us to love. We worry more about whether others love us than about how we might love others. Forgive us, we pray. Clothe us in your love that knows no bounds, that we may follow the commandment of Jesus to love one another. Then the entire world will know us as your followers, people of love. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie # 750

All: Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance:

*Act of Praise..... #760

(Please stand)

All: Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen!

Amen we praise your name, O God!

*The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

All: And also with you.

Please share a greeting of Christian love with those sitting around you.

Children's Time: "Things Our Mothers Have Said to Us"

(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

Anthem: "How Firm a Foundation"

Sermon: "Chosen"

***Hymn: #388 "Help Us Accept Each Other"**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of U.S. Air Force A1C Joseph Andrejco, and as a prayer for all military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer "Pray"

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our world_____.

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our souls_____.

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for love and unity_____;

Quiet our busy hearts, Pray___, pray___, pray___ .

Pray___, pray___, pray___

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer,

Prayer of Our Savior (spoken)

All: 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

Our Time of Sharing

Invitation to the Offering, The Sharing of Gifts

Offering Music

*Offertory Response "We Are Giving in the Light of God" (526)

All: We are giving in the light of God,

We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)

We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,

We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #495 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

Verses 1,2,3 (omit verse 4)

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response**

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And God's grace will bear my spirit home. (sing twice)

*Postlude

Thanks to Myrt Driscoll and Kiera Spahn for their participation in today's worship service.

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor
Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard
Kelly MillarChoir Director
Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant
Wade Anderson.....Sexton



Did you know that our profit from the Beef Dinner was \$4,000? **Thank you to all who helped in any way** in this important meal that reaches so many people with our ministry of food. There were 127 take-out orders. The Women's Fellowship made \$614.50 from their Bake Sale.

This week:

Monday-Christian Education Committee 7:30PM. This is a very important meeting. We will have Valerie Poole as a guest to talk about ways that we can utilize technology with our children and youth.

Wednesday-Women's Fellowship meets at 7:30PM in the Fellowship Hall – All Women are welcome!

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study-9:00AM at Murrysville Panera

Looking ahead-The Pastoral Relations Committee will meet Next Wednesday-May 20 at 7:00PM. Please mark your calendars!

Attendance for May 3: 68

Offering for May 3: \$2,302.00

Nepal Earthquake Relief: \$159.00

Thanks to our Sexton, Wade Anderson, for refurbishing the outdoor benches at the entry to the Education Wing and Fellowship Hall. The wood was donated by Salem Millworks & Truss in Delmont, and the other was given in Memory of Loved Ones by Pastor Meredith.

Last Call for Historical Information! Our Bicentennial History Book is approaching proofing and editing. Anyone with information and photos which they would like to contribute should contact Sylvia Duncan at 724-744-7257.

From Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

Pay it Forward - "Send out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back." - Ecclesiastes 11:1

Mason Wartman always has a line of customers out the door of Rosa's, his pizza shop in Philly. It might not be the best pizza in town, but it's the kindest. Colorful Post-its flutter on the walls of the shop like Tibetan prayer flags. Each one is a love-note to the future: a voucher for one free slice of pizza, bought by a paying customer who knows that the next person in the door might be broke.

In the last year alone, Mason's community bought more than 10,000 slices of pizza for each other, using the simple, elegant post-it strategy Mason devised.

Mason's ritual works because it's not charity. It's communion. Charity can do a lot of good, but charity also sometimes brings dented castoffs from the back of the pantry to the food drive and calls it love.

Charity makes inequality radically visible. Communion makes inequality radically invisible. In the early church, communion was not a symbolic ritual, but a full meal—for some, the only meal they'd get that day. Imagine: platters of hot bread as big as your face gracing the table, and everybody eating their fill. Theoretically, nobody knew who was rich one, poor one, beggar one, slave. It was a meal designed to erase those boundaries, because we are all beggars in the eyes of God.

Prayer . . . Thank you, God, for Post-its like prayer flags and pizza that tastes like bread from heaven. Amen.

About the Author . . . Molly Baskette is senior minister of First Church Somerville UCC in Somerville, MA, and the author of the book Real Good Church: How Our Church Came Back from the Dead and Yours Can Too.