

Welcome

(Use this time to welcome people)

Gathering and Welcoming Prayer

The joy of the risen Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Sing to our God a new song. (Ps. 98:1–8) God has done marvellous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Let the sea roar and all that fills it. Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

And may we be surrounded
with a very real sense of the presence of God our Source and Sustainer of all that Exists.

As we spend this time together today,
May the Spirit of Wisdom inspire and challenge us.

Music/Song: (You can copy, paste & download these songs with Lyrics)

All of this is Us – <https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/545320087/63ab34220d>

It is well with my Soul -

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/545322323/b05fe8af65>

Prayer for Forgiveness & Thanksgiving

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. (John 15:12) Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. (John 15:11) In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us (John 15:13) and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!

Passing the Peace:

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

(Turn to those around you and greet them with the words above)

Notices:

Offerings:

Let us show our friendship with Christ and our love for our neighbours by giving generously so that we may bear the lasting fruit of Christ's love.

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends (John 15:15) and to know your will in the world. Therefore, we pray in Jesus' name (John 15:16) that these offerings spread your love near and far. Amen.

Prayers for Others: (Take this time to pray for our world, our local community, and individuals)

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, (Acts 10:45) in the reading of your Word, that we would hear what you have to say to us today. May your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Spirit Song - <https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/545323196/fca338c087>

Reading for Today:

Easter 6; Acts 10:44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 15:9-17

Reflection:

Can you change your Mind?

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/543941086/9d425d8c50>

Questions related to the Reflection:

- When faced with a deep theological challenge, are you able to consider changing your mind?
- In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus speaks of his extreme love for us, calls us his friends, and says that he makes known to us everything that he hears from God. How does thinking of Christ as our friend and lover—or Lord and Master—affect our daily living?

Silence:

Sit still and silent. Sink into your heart. Think about your relationship with God. Does God speak to your heart and give you peace?

Closing Prayer & Blessing:

Live in the joy of Christ's love John 15:11 and in all the marvelous things that God is doing! (Ps. 98:1)

May the righteous fairness of God, the loving friendship of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit go with you all.

Music/Song: (Optional - You may wish to include another piece of music or song here.)

You can find other songs to download at:

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell>



Easter 6
Can you change your mind?
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