**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 25, 2025**

Liturgist: Cynthia Hoover

**PRELUDE** *How Blest Are They Whose Toils Have Ended,* Op. 122, no. 6

 Brahms (1833-1897)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *Alleluia* Milburn (b. 1963)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: May God be gracious to us; may God bless us.

**All: We gather in worship, knowing God is here.**

Leader: May God’s face shine upon us.

**All: May God call us into the joyful work of creating peace.**

Leader: Let us worship our God in praise.

**MORNING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN #664**  *Morning Has Broken* Bunessa

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of the city, you call us to come to you in the world, but we disobey you.**

**We choose power and profit over the acts of love that you exemplify for us again and again.**

**We are content to work within systems that oppress, instead of working to change things.**

**We forget that everything comes from you, and that we are just stewards of what you have given.**

**We seek out mountaintops, instead of being among your people. Forgive us, Lord, for the times that we forget your call to fully follow your example in the world. Embolden us to live fully in your call: to love our neighbor.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581** Greatorex

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 67 p.460

**SPECIAL MUSIC**  *Song of Peace* Langlais (1907-1991)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Acts 16:9-15 p.900

**SERMON** *Lydia’s House* Rev. Samantha Coggins

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (excerpts from the Confession of Belhar)**

**We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation**

**is made manifest in the church as the community of believers**

**who have been reconciled with God and with one another;**

**We believe that unity is, therefore,**

**both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;**

**that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force,**

**yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued**

**and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built**

**up to attain.**

**We believe that this unity of the people of God**

**must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:**

**in that we love one another;**

**that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are**

**obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully**

**to be of benefit and blessing to one another;**

**have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit,**

**are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one**

**name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause,**

**and share one hope, and together come to know**

**the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #326**  *For All the Saints* Sine Nomine

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Fanfare* Soler (1729-1783)

This week’s liturgy is written by Julia Burkley, associate pastor at Opequon Presbyterian Church in Winchester, VA, and the *Presbyterian Outlook.*

Today’s Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZY39R5XNbQ



Shenandoah Nursing Home: Nancy Garber

Summitt Square: Ruth Quillen

Home: Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Warner Sandquist, Mike & Cathy Cunningham, Polly Bare, Olive Prettyman.

Friends and Family: Bill Bromley, Jean Custen, Sally McNeel, Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Carolyn Hedrick-Williams, Mac Watts (Colleen Cash), Betsy Boswell (Curry), Shane Bennett (Bennett).

Military: Carson Craig, Michael Little

Church office will be closed Monday to observe Memorial Day

Better Together Bible Study will meet this Monday at Finley Memorial Presbyterian Church in Stuarts Draft at 1pm.

A covered dish reception for New Members and Elders will be held after worship on June 1.

There is a signup sheet in the Narthex or you can call the office 540-949-8366.

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**May 25, 2025 11:00 AM**



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