

# Easter 6 — May 10, 2026

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Children's Sermon

## Opening Hymn

## Apostolic Greeting

ELW Pg. 138

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **People And also with you.**

## This is the Feast Pg. 140

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Prayer of the Day

ELW Pg. 138-139

L The Lord be with you **People And also with you**

L Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People Amen**

## First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'<sup>29</sup> "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **C Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20** *chanted responsively*

<sup>8</sup> Bless our <sup>l</sup> God, you peoples;

let the sound of <sup>l</sup> praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us a- <sup>l</sup> mong the living  
and has not allowed our <sup>l</sup> feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have <sup>l</sup> tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- <sup>l</sup> ver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us in- <sup>l</sup> to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- <sup>l</sup> on our backs.**

<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through <sup>l</sup> fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place <sup>l</sup> of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup> **I will enter your house <sup>l</sup> with burnt offerings  
and will pay <sup>l</sup> you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup> those that I promised <sup>l</sup> with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I <sup>l</sup> was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup> **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the <sup>l</sup> smoke of rams;  
I will give you ox- <sup>l</sup> en and goats.**

<sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you <sup>l</sup> who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has <sup>l</sup> done for me.

<sup>17</sup> **I called out to God <sup>l</sup> with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord <sup>l</sup> with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil <sup>l</sup> in my heart,  
the Lord would <sup>l</sup> not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup> **but in truth <sup>l</sup> God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound <sup>l</sup> of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not reject- <sup>l</sup> ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing <sup>l</sup> love from me.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C**

**Thanks be to God**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel according to John in the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.**

[[Jesus said to the disciples:]] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers

L: For all those from every nation who receive and share the comfort, guidance, and support of the Holy Spirit, especially those who offer motherly care, that all may know a full measure of God's love and grace. Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the Church, humble and joyful that we have been promised the fullness of God's grace through the presence of the Holy Spirit, that we may also welcome everyone into the blessed Body of Christ, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the secular world, that every nation and kingdom may come to know the freedom from death, sorrow, tears, and hatred that has marked human history, and kneel in grateful praise for the Prince of Peace, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our wide and varied universe, that our awe and wonder may lead us to bless the Creator of all, and that we may carry God's blessing into every heart and home. Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the call to care with motherly tenderness for all, especially the children of the world, that no child may be deprived of the kind of love a good mother showers upon her children, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: And for those for whom Mothers' Day is not a time of joy, but of loss, hurt, and longing, that God's comfort may touch wounded hearts with healing, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: And for all our sins and offenses, that the promise of God's mercy may free us from shame or guilt, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

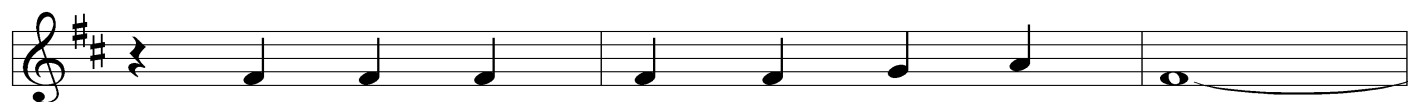
AM: And for St. Paul's and its many ministries, that in all we say and do we reflect the holy promise of grace, and the spiritual gift of generosity to support Christ's work, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For these, and any other needs we have, we seek your providential care, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer. AMEN**

**A prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi-  
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace see *next page***

# Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

## Prayer of St. Francis



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;  
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;  
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

*Last time to coda* ⊕



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;  
where there is dark - ness, . . . . . on - ly light;  
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

*D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*



loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Text: Sebastian Temple  
Music: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS, Sebastian Temple

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## Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

***Please share a sign of God's peace.***

***The offering is received***

## Anthem

**Tender Mercies Words and Music: Travis Boyd**

Your tender mercies are ever new. You show compassion in all you do. With loving kindness, you speak the truth. And I thank you for the tender mercies that could only come from you. Your word is steadfast, your love is true. You show great wisdom in all you do. Your Spirit guides me the whole day through. And I thank you for the tender mercies that could only come from you. Oh, the wonder of a love so deep and strong! Oh, the miracle of grace so free! I can only stand amazed at all you done to save someone like me. Your tender mercies are ever new. You show compassion in all you do. With loving kindness, you speak the truth. And I thank you for the tender mercies that could only come from you, come from you. Lord, I thank you for the tender mercies that could only come from you.

## Offertory Hymn

**ELW 182**

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## Offertory Prayer

### Great Thanksgiving – page 144

L The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Proper Preface is chanted.*

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus Pg. 144

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen

## **Agnus Dei Pg. 146**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

## **Communion Music**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

## **Benediction**

**L** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace **C Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

## **Dismissal**

**AM** Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

**C** Thanks be to God

## **Postlude**

***Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.***

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott	Audrey Marquard	Justin Wade & Family	<b>Our Nursing Home Members</b>
Roberta Alteri	Abigail Marine	Eveyln Walters	Dee Gammon
Ben, Sheryl & Nic Ahrens	Eric Marine	Sue Watkins	Midge Rosenbeck
Michelle Ahrens	Richard Marine	James Weber	Mae Fay
Coni Aparo	Janis Martin	Kim Weissman	Francine Ahrens
Charlie Blakeslee	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Bruce Yauney	Betty Hilton
Kathy Ann Campbell	Michael Meyers	Clayton Young	Walter Joray
Angelo & Nicole Capasso	Brigitte Mueller	Clarence & Priscilla	Daine Wright
Carol Cianciolo	Bob Murphy	Ed	<b>Our Military Friends</b>
Pat Collins	Barbara Nalette	Jen O.	Lord Jesus, Savior of the
Emma Cortina	Karen Ness	Jaiden	World and King of Peace,
Emily Decker	Tom O'Brien	Steve	watch over our sons and
J.J. Eby	Karen Pagano	Lou W.	daughters in the service
Judy Elliott	Maria Payne	Todd	of their Country. Protect
Diane Engle	Melissa Pilbin	Robert K.	them from the physical
Jan Eucalitto	Lisa & Dennis Polzun	Terry	and moral dangers.
Weston Faith	Ed & Susan Regner	Hagbard	Keep them close to you
Amy Falls	Baerbel Roehl	Peanut	and help them live the
Bruce & Liz Falls	Patricia & Richard	Diane L.	commandments. Lord,
Rosemarie Foth	Sawitzke	Holly L.	Jesus give them courage
Bob Frantz	Vincent Scarozzo	Al & Mary	to serve their country with
Danise Hall	Jean Schlapfer	Isaac	honor and dignity. Be
Renate Higgins	Sarah Seelye	Marci	with them when they are
Kathleen Hilton	Paul Smith	Kyle W.	in danger; strengthen
Shannon Hilton	Sigrid Smitley	Michelle	them when they face
Shaelynn Holmgren	Lori Sola	Ethan & his Marine Unit	hardship. Above all Lord,
Rusty Judd	Deb & Jon Sterling	Jonathan E & his Army	grant that when their ser-
Brian Kiernan	Tom Sterling Sr.	Unit	vice is finished that they
Marge Kiernan	RuthAnn Stone	Stefan Nikola J.	may return to us, sound
Marilyn Killingbeck	Patricia Switzer		in mind, body and soul.
John Lewis	Diane Tanner		Amen.
David Little	Gloria Thibault		
Rebecca Little	Nancy Underwood	<b>Family &amp; Friends of</b>	
Kari Machowski	Lucille Videtto	<b>Jim Wolfinger</b>	
Charlotte Madia	Carol Vrlik		

## Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Council Meeting	5/11	7 pm
Toastmaster	5/13	7 pm
Potluck and Praise	5/14	6 pm
Last Day of Sunday School	5/17	11 am
CYC Concert @ St. Paul's	5/17	4 pm
Men's & Women's Breakfast	5/20	8:30 am
Worship and Music Committee	5/21	6 pm
New Members Class	5/23	10 am

### ***Bible Study***

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays  
10:00 am

### **Wednesdays**

Members Tai Chi 11:00 am

Quilting Group 1:00 pm

### **Offerings Summary:**

<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$6,290</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$3,898</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$2,392)</b>
<b>YTD shortfall</b>	<b>(\$42,184)</b>

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**The Rev. Dr. G. Scott Cady**

**Music Director Marcia Newcome**

# Around the Church

Christmas Eve survey please fill it out if you have not already.

Anyone wishing to be a Sunday helper next year please sign up sheet in narthex or contact Pastor.

Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.

**New Tai Chi class starting on Tuesday May 5, 2026 10 to 11:15 am      \$12 per class**

## Divine by Design ~B Still & Breathe with Bonnie

### Approach

I embrace a holistic approach to better health. Through the practice of gentle movement, breathwork and mindful meditation we are able to release stress and anxiety, and thus harmonize mind, body, spirit and emotions. By enhancing tranquility, we improve balance, coordination, mind/body awareness, flexibility, circulation and range of motion. Participants blossom in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

### Teaching Experience

For the past 12 years, I have taught tai chi, qigong, and mindful meditation with large groups and small in many venues, including the Sullivan Senior Center in Torrington, the Torrington Historical Society, Keystone Place at Newbury Brook, the Torrington Health Department, and Ed Advance.

### Training

I have been practicing tai chi, qigong, yoga and meditation for over 30 years and have trained with national and international experts in the field, including: Paul Lam, Master Yang Yang, Lee Holden, Greg DeLisio, Ken Nelson, and Daisy Lee among others.

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