

* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove on the long wall of the Thin Place Gallery.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year C, Sixth Sunday of Easter, **May 25:**
Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5;
John 5:1-9, 14:23-29.

Lectionary Year C, Seventh Sunday of Easter, **June 1:**
Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97;
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26.



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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025 10 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Doug Clapp.

Centering Music

* Call to Worship

One O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the east and west,
from the north and south.**

One: Some sat in darkness and in gloom,
prisoners in misery and in irons,
for they had rebelled against the words of God.

**All: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;
and broke their bonds apart.**

One: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
For he shatters the doors of bronze
and cuts in two the bars of iron.

All: Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*
Song sheet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Mighty Redeemer, Solid Rock, we confess the worry we hold in our hearts. We are anxious about so many things: our finances, relationships, politics, changes in our community, aging family members, and the world we are leaving to our youth. We are worried about our church. We are worried by every loss and every change. God, forgive us for our lack of faith in you. Grant us courage, that we might face life's challenges without fear. Grant us peace by centering us on the presence of your Son. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace
with your neighbors, both now and after the service.

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First Scripture Reading *Acts 16:16-24*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*
- arr. Tom Fetke

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space, at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *Acts 16:25-34*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Message *Non-anxious in an Anxious Generation*
Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words of Reflection *Loosen* - Aly Halpert

Loosen, loosen, baby.
You don't have to carry
the weight of the world in your muscles and bones.
Let go, let go, let go.

Holy breath, and holy name:
will you ease, will you ease this pain?

Holy breath (Loosen, loosen, baby)
and holy name (You don't have to carry)
will you ease (the weight of the world
in your muscles and bones)
will you ease this pain (Let go, let go, let go)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

King James Version

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you,
even if they differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate
to the continued life and work of our congregation.
You may mail gifts directly to the church,
or use our online giving platform,
at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing>.

Offertory

*** Doxology** *Praise God,* Song sheet
from Whom All Blessings Flow

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Sending Hymn** *Three Little Birds* Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song to light a candle, as a public sign of an inward commitment to life in the light of Christ.

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music