

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30AM, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Asterisk (\*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP      Responsive

Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

**God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.**

The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

**God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.**

The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

**God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.**

Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

**We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

\*HYMN                                      "O Spirit of the Living God"                                      **UMH # 539**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                                      Apostles' Creed                                      **UMH # 881**

### OPENING PRAYER      Unison

**God of all time and space, you initiated the relationship of love and generosity with creation at a time before and beyond all knowing. Through the Word and the Spirit, you continue in eternal love for all beings. Fill us with a deep and abiding awareness of your presence, your call, and your grace in our lives and in our world. Shape us into the people you have made us to be – poured out in creative mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON      Unison

**Eternal God, Creator of all that is, in you we live and move and have our being. You have placed us on earth and sustained our lives through the produce of the land and the cleanness of the air we breathe. You have made us for one another, to tend and care for the weak and to ensure a just sharing of the earth's resources. But we are part of a proud and hard-hearted people who hoard what the earth provides and seem loath to share the fruits of our labor, who live for today with little thought for tomorrow, who are afraid to let pain and suffering affect us. Incarnate God, you know us in our innermost being. In your grace, you offer us forgiveness even before we have the chance to articulate our sorrow. You embrace us in all our sinfulness and, in doing so, give us the chance to start again, to learn from the example you have given us in Jesus, who chose the way of the Cross so that all might know the depth of your love for all you have made. Spirit of God, open our hearts and mind that we may grasp your forgiveness, and, having been forgiven, seek to forgive others and live lives of reconciling love, modeled on the example of Jesus Christ, in whose name we make this prayer. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: God knows us completely and loves us deeply. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, not because we have earned it, but because of God's abundant grace. As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us. In Christ, we are made new, restored to live in peace with God and with one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE READING

**John 14:15-21 (NRSV)**

**15** "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

**16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

**17** 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.

18 “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.  
19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me;  
because I live, you also will live.  
20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.  
21 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.”

**MESSAGE** “The Advocate” Rev. Dongkue Jee

**RESPOND TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” UMH # 334

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH # 895

**OFFERING**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH # 95

\*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

**Abiding Spirit of Love, you have not left us orphaned. Even in our uncertainty, you draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved. As Jesus offered himself in love and obedience, so we offer these gifts today—not out of obligation, but as signs of our love and trust. Take them, bless them, use them—to remind the world that Christ’s story abides in us. May your Spirit strengthen us to live what we give and give what we believe. In the name of the one who promised never to leave us. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

\*HYMN “Faith of Our Mothers” AMECH # 430

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

\* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



*Welcome to*  
**Mendham United Methodist Church**

[www.mendhamumc.org](http://www.mendhamumc.org)

10 East Main Street, Mendham, NJ 07945

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Complete Joy, 2018, Pittman, Lauren Wright, United States

**Rev. Dongkue Jee, Pastor**

Cell Phone: 469-544-6373

Church Office: 973-543-6376