

# May 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

First United Methodist Church 34 South Main Street Rochester NH 03867 (†) The congregation is invited to stand as your able (BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds

# THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP \*\*\*

This is the day that God has made. We will rejoice, and be glad in it! God, as the earth blossoms with colors, and the scents of new life, our spirits show forth the glory of your grace. For in raising Christ from death you have given new life to us all. You have brought us to life with one Spirit breathing in us all. You have brought us out of our solitary tombs, and made us alive in one body. You have given us your love, and with Christ you have come and made your home with us. Alleluia! Awaken us to your presence, God, and to Christ who is among us, and the Spirit within us; transform us by your grace, that we may serve you faithfully as the body of Your Risen Christ.

## † HYMN OF PRAISE



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## <u>† SILENT PRAYER</u>

## **† PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of vision and calling,
You speak to us in the quiet of our hearts,
in dreams and nudges,
through the voices of those in need.
You call us beyond comfort,
beyond the familiar, yet too often we resist—
fearing the unknown, doubting our ability,
questioning whether we heard you at all.
Forgive us, Lord,
for the times we have chosen safety over obedience,
hesitation over trust,
and our own plans over your greater purpose.
Open our hearts, O God, that we may listen,
follow, and serve where you send us. Amen.

## <u>† WORDS OF ASSURANCE</u>

Take heart and do not be afraid— God, who calls us, also equips us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and sent forth with courage.

Let us walk boldly in the direction of God's vision.

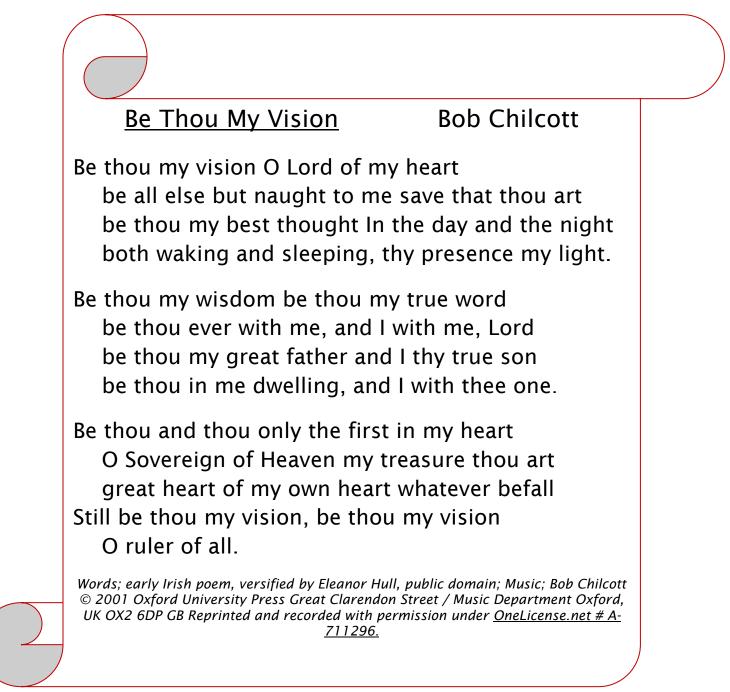
Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

# THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

<u>Old Testament Lesson:</u> 1 Kings 17:8-16 (Pg. 284) \*

## ANTHEM



### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## **†** HYMN OF PREPARATION

## You Are My All in All

VERSE 1

You are my strength when I am weak You are the treasure that I seek You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel

Lord to give up I'd be a fool You are my all in all

<u>CHORUS</u>

Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

## VERSE 2

Taking my sin, my cross my shame rising again I bless Your name You are my all in all. When I fall down You pick me up

when I am dry You fill my cup You are my all in all

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## † GOSPEL LESSON: <u>John 5: 1-9</u> (Pg. 787) \*\*

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture, For the word of God among us, For the word of God within us,

- ALL: Thanks be to God!
- **†** CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

## ALLELUIA - Philip Stopford

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SERMON: Ho-Soon Han



## THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

† <u>HYMN NO. 354</u>

1. All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him,

in his presence daily live.

## <u>REFRAIN</u>

- I surrender all, (I surrender all,) I surrender all, (I surrender all,) all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.
- 2. All to Jesus I surrender; humbly at his feet I bow, worldly pleasures all forsaken; take me, Jesus, take me now.

<u>REFRAIN</u>

3. All to Jesus I surrender; make me, Savior, wholly thine; let me feel the Holy Spirit,

truly know that thou art mine.

## <u>REFRAIN</u>

4. All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee; fill me with thy love and power; let thy blessing fall on me.

## <u>REFRAIN</u>

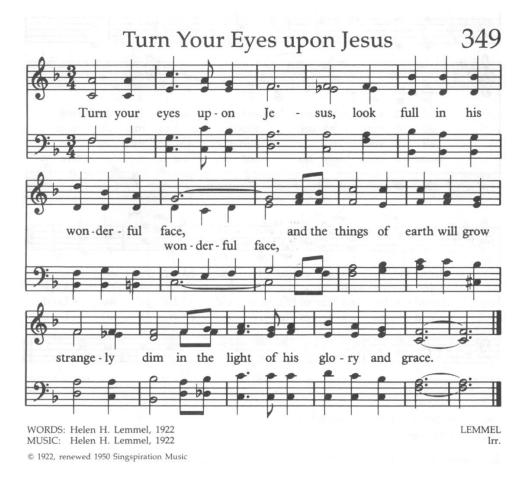
5. All to Jesus I surrender; now I feel the sacred flame. O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to his name! <u>REFRAIN</u>

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### PRAYER SONG



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### SILENT PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

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**PRAYER SONG** (See Above)

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### Offertory Prayer:

## THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

## **<u>† HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 569</u>** We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Message



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#### \*Benediction

Voluntary

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