

**SERVICE OF REEMERGENCE**  
**JUNE 13, 2021**                      **10:00 AM**  
**ROCK GAP STATE PARK**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

The kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed.

**It grows into a great plant with many branches.**

Come, let us worship God.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let us pray...

**All powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of this same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* HYMN #401**

*HERE IN THIS PLACE (vs. 1, 2 and 4 only)*

"GATHER US IN"

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung through-out all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. We judge by outward appearances, but you see what is in our hearts. We look down on small things, but you know how they will grow. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to live by faith, trusting in the vision of your Word and the promise of a new creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\* HUMMED RESPONSE #582**

*GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME*

"GLORY TO GOD"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

**A TIME FOR YOUNG CHILDREN**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

EZEKIEL 17:22-24

SPECIAL MUSIC

MANSION OVER THE HILLTOP  
MAY THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN/ DADDY SANG BASS  
OTTO ROSS, ACCORDION

SECOND READING

MARK 4:26-34

SERMON

“OF OAKS AND ACORNS”

REV. DR. WALT PETERS

\* HYMN #250

IN THE BLUB THERE IS A FLOWER

“PROMISE”

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree, in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity, in our death,  
a resurrection, at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

\* DOXOLOGY #606

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

“OLD HUNDRETH”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts and debtors*)

\* HYMN #22

GOD OF THE SPARROW (vs. 1, 2 and 3 only)

“ROEDER”

God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise.

God of the earth-quake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross god of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

“DENNIS”

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.  
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

## This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Walt Peters  
Liturgist.....Josh Gilhart  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Musicians.....Zach & Mikayla Dodge, Carolyn Mathews, and Otto Ross  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Usher.....Carolyn Mathews