HOLY COMMUNION Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE:

8:00 am: *O Beautiful and America* **10:30 am:** *Prelude in C*

Maynard/Shehi H. Smart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing Printed on the next page.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.
- **P** Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Stand

GREETING

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit Later service only: CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-16

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

A reading from Acts.

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

- A The word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.



¹ May God be merciful to [|] us and bless us;

may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

² Let your way be known | upon earth,

your saving health a- mong all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and [|] sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide all the na-[|] tions on earth.



⁵ Let the peoples | praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought | forth its increase;

God, our own | God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God | give us blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.



Psalm 67:4

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SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

A reading from Revelation.

¹⁰ And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.

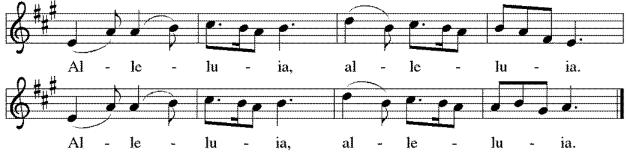


The choir sings the First Verse.



Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again; death no longer has dominion | over him.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Second Verse.



Those who love me will | keep my word, and my Father will love them,

and we will come to them and make our | home with them.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

P The holy gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

<mark>Sit</mark> SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only: HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia Printed on the next page.





- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain a Theological College, Malamana, Tanzania, admin. Augebrary Forteris. To: C 1977 How and S. Olice, admin. Augebrary Forteris. Reprinted with pennission under UNE LICE/NIE / A755008. All sights reserved
- Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

Stand NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

- **P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- **C** 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 OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

■ Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

G Amen.

PEACE

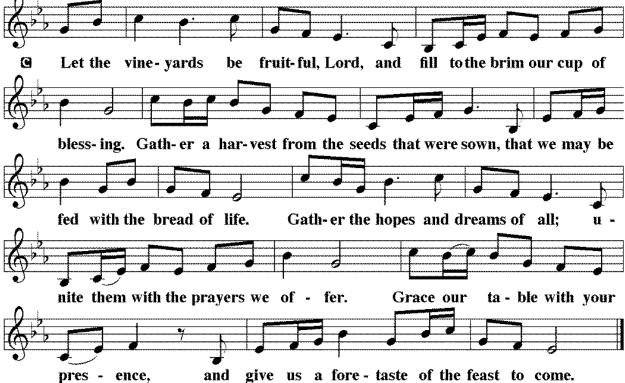
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

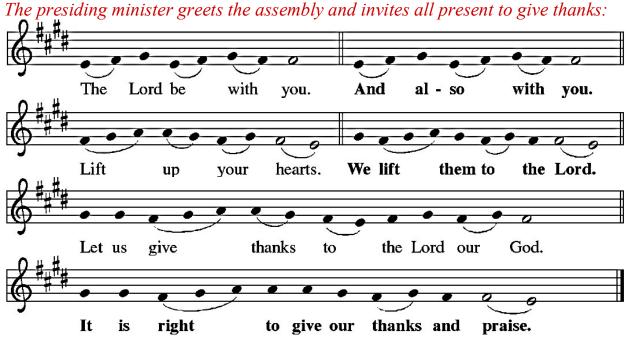
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say **Peace be with you** or similar words.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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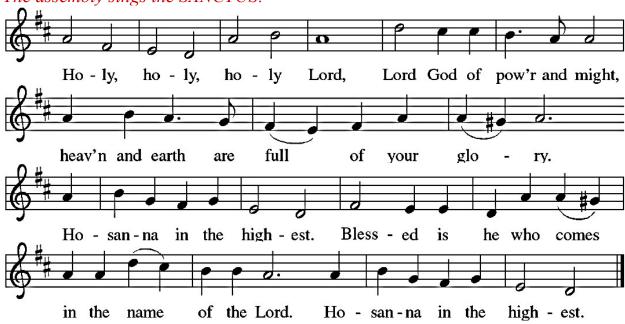


GREAT THANKSGIVING



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The assembly sings the SANCTUS:

The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED, OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS; BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING: TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY + BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

P

LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

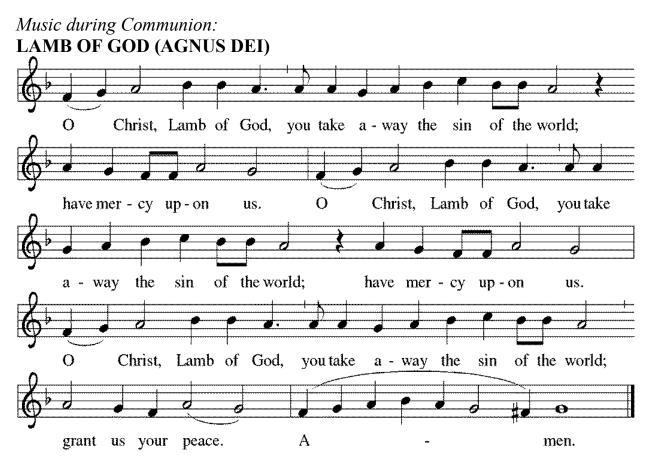
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COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers sayThe body of Christ, given for you.and each person may respond

R Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.



Later service only: ANTHEM: Christ Has Arisen

N. Zullinger

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia. For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling is gloom.

REFRAIN: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy, death's fearful sting he has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst until its strength by God was dispersed.

He who gives life did death undergo, and in its conquest his might did show. (refrain)

The angel said to them "Do not fear. You look for Jesus who is not here. See for yourselves the tomb is all bare. Only the grave clothes are lying there.

Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won. (refrain)

Risen to set us free. Alleluia, to him raises be. Jesus is living let us all sing; he reigns triumphant heavenly king. (refrain) **ORGAN:** Prayer for Peace Improvisation on "O Beautiful"

Stand

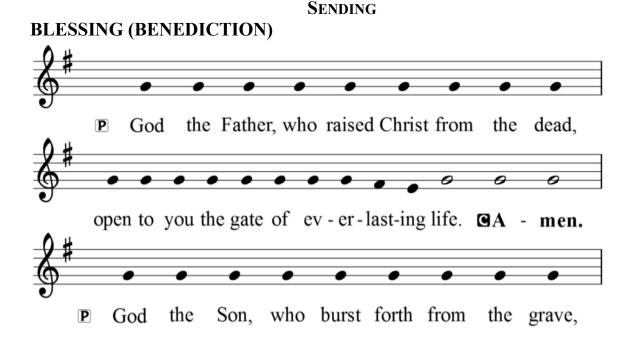
BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **G** Amen.

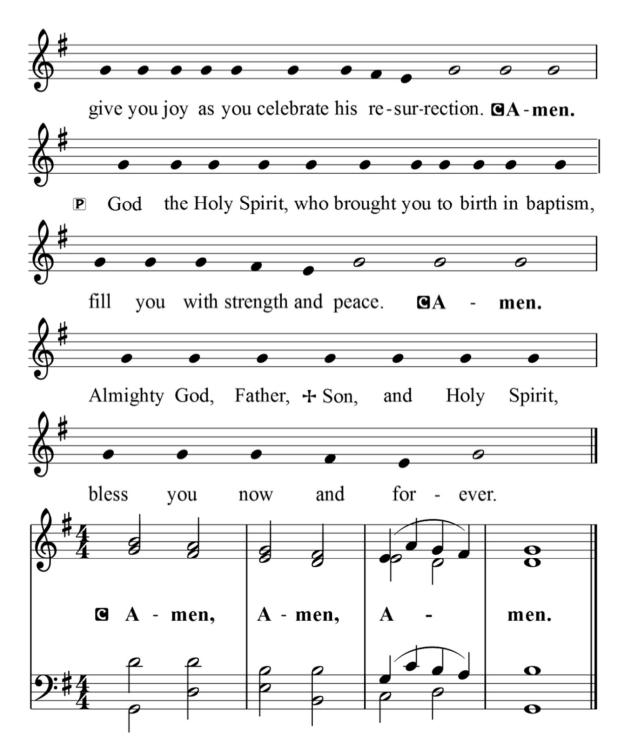
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

 Let us pray.
 We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.



Demorest C. Callahan



DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory Printed on the next page.*

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE:

8:00 am: *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* **10:30 am:** *AllaMarcia*

B. Tonkin H. Coleman

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The Easter Cycle celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

The Paschal Candle, symbolic of our Lord's resurrection, is positioned on the Gospel side of the altar and is lighted at all services during the Easter season (up to and including the Day of Pentecost).

The liturgical color white, symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ. Gold is a more festive version of white.

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<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God with love from the Holcombe family in memory of Mary Adams.

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<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by LaVonne Johnson in appreciation for my family.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fagley in thanks for blessings received.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF NEEDED

Vacation Bible School at Augustus is scheduled for June 23rd-26th from 9 a.m. to noon and we're looking for staff to help our kids have the best week ever! Clearances are required but are easily obtained and Sonya Sowards can help. If you're not able to help during VBS week, please consider helping set up VBS after church on June 22nd. Contact Sonya at <u>education@augustustrappe.org</u> or (904) 476-4409 if you can join us!



Geranium Sunday

You are invited to order Red Geranium Plants as a memorial to or in honor of Loved Ones/Friends to decorate the Church in celebration of Pentecost, June 8, 2025. The Women of ELCA will plant them on church grounds. Please include payment with your order. *Make Checks payable to:* AUGUSTUS FLOWER FUND. Last day to order is May 25, 2025

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer, 412 Dartmoor Rd., Schwenksville, PA 19473

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I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:

Old Church Sunday

The annual "Old Church Sunday" service will be on June 15, 2025 at 9:30 am in the Old Church. Our good friend, the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger will inspire us with his sermon. Following the service there will be a sit-down luncheon and a presentation on Peter Muhlenberg in Fellowship Hall by the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger.

Peter Muhlenberg – The Man – The Legend

On October 6, 1910, thirty thousand people gathered at Philadelphia's City Hall to dedicate J. Otto Schweitzer's statue of Peter Muhlenberg. Speeches praised Peter's leadership in the American Revolution and his contributions to the young republic. Judge Staake ended his speech by displaying Peter's clerical robe, which the Henkel family gave to the Lutheran Theological



Seminary. This presentation highlights Peter's contributions and is a great way to prepare for the 250th Anniversary of America's independence, which we will celebrate in 2026.

We hope to see you at the service on June 15th at 9:30 am and for the luncheon & presentation afterwards. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this wonderful event. This event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Pat O'Hara at 484-919-2527 or qadirector5@aol.com.





REGISTRATION FORM Mail this form and check to FIRST UCC-MISSION GROUP 151 S 4TH ST, QUAKERTOWN, PA 18951 \$105 per golfer	Register by May 25, 2025 *Checks must be sent with your entry form to hold your spot and be made payable to: FIRST UCC-MISSION GROUP	Questions? Contact Linda Friday missiontrips@firstucc.net 215-538-0328 Name	Street Address City/State/Zip	Phone Email	Additional Golfer's Name & Phone Email	Additional Golfer's Name & Phone Email Additional Golfer's Name & Phone	Email Add'l Dinner Guest(s)-Dinner Only \$40 ea Number of Guests Sponsorship Level \$ Total Amount enclosed \$
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Friday, June 6, 2025 1:00 pm Shot Gun Start

Tournament Info

Butter Valley Golf Port 3243 Gehman Rd, Barto, PA

12:00 pm Registration 4-Person Scramble Format Greens Fees, Cart Food at Turn,

\$105 per golfer

Beverages, Soda, Water, Steak

Dinner & Gift Bags

Contests

Closest to the Pin

Longest Drive (Men) Longest Drive (Women

50/50 Pot of Gold

Putting Contest

Straightest Drive

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Raffles & Auction

Check website for updates - www.firstucc.net

Then please join us for dinner & festivities!

Can't Join Us for Golf?

\$40 @ 6:30 pm

Dinner Only