

Wesley United, Cambridge
Easter 6, Year B
May 6, 2018
Theme: Compassion

* = stand as able.

Bold = congregational response

Hymn Books: VU (*Voices United*); MV (*More Voices*)

**This morning's bulletin and beautiful flowers are
in loving memory of Jeff Taylor
by his parents, Bert and Judy.**

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Gathering Music: Hymn Sing
Highlighted Announcements

OPENING TO DIVINE PRESENCE

Greeting & Lighting of Christ Candle

*Introit "River running in you and me" #163 MV

Centring: "Come, Come, Come Unity"

Question: When have you had an unexpected experience of being
loved and cared for?

*Hymn "Love Divine" #333 VU

*The Peace

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

(Sharing signs of peace and reconciliation)

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer (sung)) #959 VU

*(NOTE – If you wish to make this more inclusive, you may sing
"Creator, Redeemer..." or "Our Father, Our Mother...")*

A TIME OF REFLECTION

Psalm 98 VU p818

(with Sung Response #45 MV):

You are holy, you show us the way (x4)

Scripture Reading - John 15:9-17

- Jon Cowie

One: This is the Good News.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response (#115 MV)

Contemporary Reading: from Richard Rohr

"Loving God and One Another"

Jesus taught that if we would "first seek God's Reign" (Matthew 6:33), and obey his command to "love God and love one another" (Matthew 22:37-40), all the rest would take care of itself. We would no longer defy the laws of nature but seek to live in harmony and sustainability with Earth and all her creatures. This radical lifestyle demands a deep sense of the inherent dignity of all things. We cannot pick and choose who has inherent dignity and who does not.

One: Offered as Wisdom for the Journey

All: May we walk in its light.

Sermon "A Spirituality Named Compassion"

Ministry of Music "Let Your Light Shine"

- Mary McDonald

--dedicated in memory of Jeff Taylor

(Wesley Senior Choir, Dave Devine – percussion)

THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory Music "What the World Needs Now is Love"

*Sung Response "Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New" #115 MV

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Call to Ministry

**Let us go forth walking
more lightly upon Earth,
more humbly with all creatures,
more faithfully caring for the air and water,
and for all creation.**

*Hymn "Called by Earth and Sky" #135 MV

*Benediction

*Leaving Song "You Are Holy" #45 MV
