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First United Methodist Church, Tallassee is committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ, by connecting people to the Word of God and engaging them in ministry here and throughout the world.

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“But in your hearts revere
Christ as Lord.”

Always be prepared to give
an answer to everyone who
asks you to give the reason
for the hope that you have.”

1 Peter 3:15

11:00 a.m. Worship
May 21, 2017
Sixth Sunday of Easter - White

The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Leslye Ames

Invocation

Call to Worship Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Praise** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* **127**

***Responsive Reading** **Psalm 66**

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples. Let the sound of God's praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

People: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

Leader: You brought us into the net; you laid affliction on our loins;

**People: You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water.
Yet you have brought us forth to a spacious place.**

Leader: Come and hear, all you who worship God, and I will tell what God has done for me.

People: Truly God has listened, and has given heed to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.* *means universal

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Moment of Silence

We light this candle to signify our prayers for those involved in armed conflict around the world. We lift up those we know and love serving in the United States Armed Services and we recognize God's call to pray for our enemies. We ask for God's peace and wholeness to illuminate every darkness. We join together in a moment of silence and invite you to lift up your prayers on behalf of our community, nation, and world.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Choral Prayer Response Chancel Choir

Hymn of Preparation *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* **140**

Children's Moment

(Children age 4 – 1st grade will be escorted to Children's Church)

Offertory Chancel Choir

***Prayer of Praise**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Scripture** **1 Peter 3:13-22**

Message "Blessed" **Rev. Dric Williford**

***Hymn of Invitation** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* **133 (v. 1&3)**

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Recessional* Leslye Ames

**Stand as you are able*

Lay Reader: Trista Armstrong