

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 18, 2025

The Fifth Sunday in Eastertide

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Litany

Charles Callahan

INTROIT

Praise the Lord (from Psalm 148)

Guimont

Madelynne Brooks, soloist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 148:1-13

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens!

People: Praise the LORD, all the angels; praise the LORD, all the heavenly host!

Leader: Praise the LORD, sun and moon; praise the LORD, all you shining stars!

People: Praise the LORD, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

Leader: Let them praise Your name, O LORD, for You commanded and they were created.

People: You established them forever and ever;

Leader: You fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

People: Let them praise Your name O LORD, for Your name alone is exalted.

*HYMN #376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
verses 1, 2, 3

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Merciful God: we confess that we have not lived as obedient children. We have displeased You with our arrogance, our fear, and our anger. We have allowed these sins to corrupt our lives, and we are tempted to despair and lose hope. Help us to live with blessed assurance, with simple faith, and with joyous radiance. Open our eyes, O Lord, to the beginning of a new life spent in fellowship with Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

Have You Heard God's Voice
Jordan Durham, soloist

Frederick Chatfield

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 13:31-35

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

“What’s New About Love?”

Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #384

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
verses 1, 2, 3

ST. MARGARET

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH --from A Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, Whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, Whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified. God raised this Jesus from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
verses 1, 2, 4

DENNIS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *You, Who Walk Each Day Beside Us*

PICARDY

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is David Coleman.

This morning's flowers are in honor of Joyce Wolf on her birthday.