

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

5th Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"Christians, We Have Met to Worship"

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Book Drive

Debbie Blaho

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus has given us a new commandment:

People: We are commanded to love one another.

Leader: Just as Christ has loved us,

People: So we ought to have love for one another.

Leader: By this, everyone will know we are Christ's disciples:

People: By our love for one another.

Leader: Come, may we join our hearts in worship:

People: Worship God by loving one another.

***Hymn**

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

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The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession *(read in unison)*

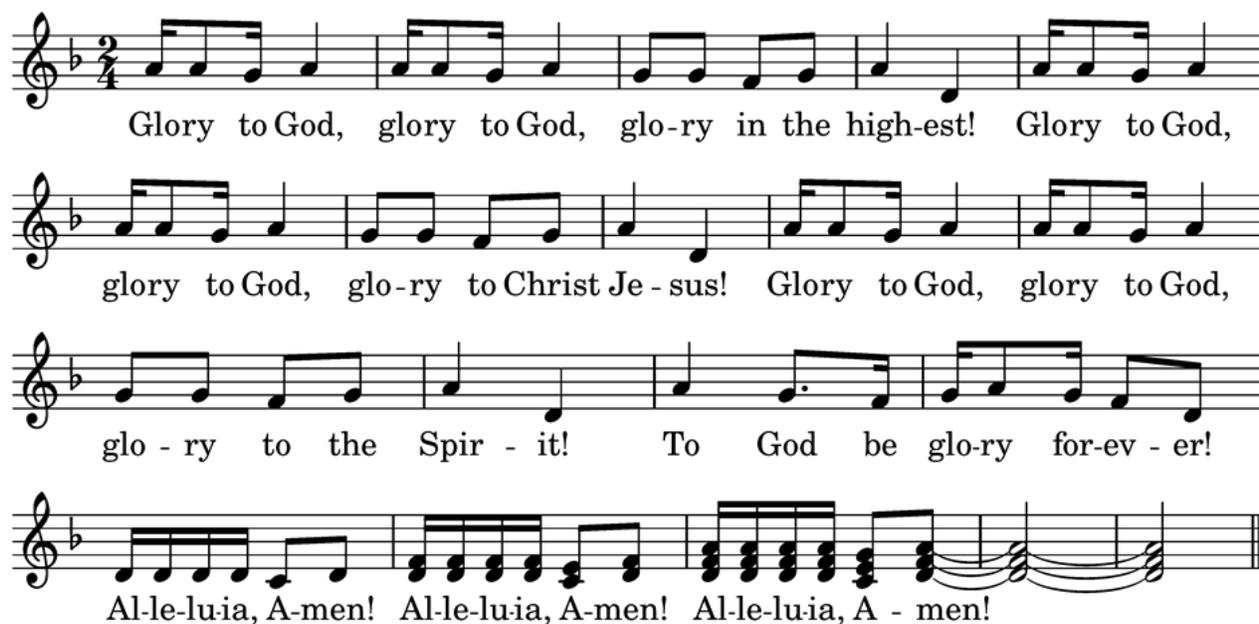
God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You show your love for us in Jesus, but we fail to love one another. You give us freedom in the Spirit, but we deny the freedom of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to learn and keep your new commandment of love so that all will know we are yours. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response Hymn

“Glory to God”

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Glory to God, glory to God, glo-ry in the high-est! Glory to God,
glory to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus! Glory to God, glory to God,
glo - ry to the Spir - it! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!
Al-le-lu-ia, A-men! Al-le-lu-ia, A-men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:23-40

Choir Anthem “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” Sebastian Temple, 1967

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

(refrain) O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy. (refrain)
Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.
Make me a channel of your peace.

Second Scripture Reading

John 13:31-35

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Love One Another”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in a world full of riches meant for all to enjoy. We believe in one race, the family of humankind, learning to live together in humility and patience. We believe in one life, exciting and positive, which celebrates all beauty, integrity and science; which uses the disciplines of work to enrich society, and which finds fulfillment in harmony with the life and teaching of Jesus. We believe in one morality, Love; the essential ingredient of all thought and motive; practical, sharing the sorrows and joys of others, bringing people together in true friendship, working to get rid of the causes of poverty, ignorance, fear and injustice; energy springing from God forgiving and accepting us. We believe in Jesus, and in the Bible's evidence about him; whole life, death and resurrection prove God's permanent love for the world. Jesus, who is himself life, love, truth, humanity and God. Who saves, guides and unites all people who follow his way and makes them confident under his Holy Spirit's inspiration. We believe in purpose; the purpose of God, working through the Spirit in our world to unite everything, spiritual and secular; to bring about

constructive revolution in society, individuals and nations, and to consummate world history under his fatherly love.

***Hymn**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

When I say, “O God of love,” you respond with
“Raise us to new life in Christ.”

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Invitation to Offering**

***Response**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (refrain)

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***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God’s People

***Closing Hymn**

“We Are One in the Spirit”

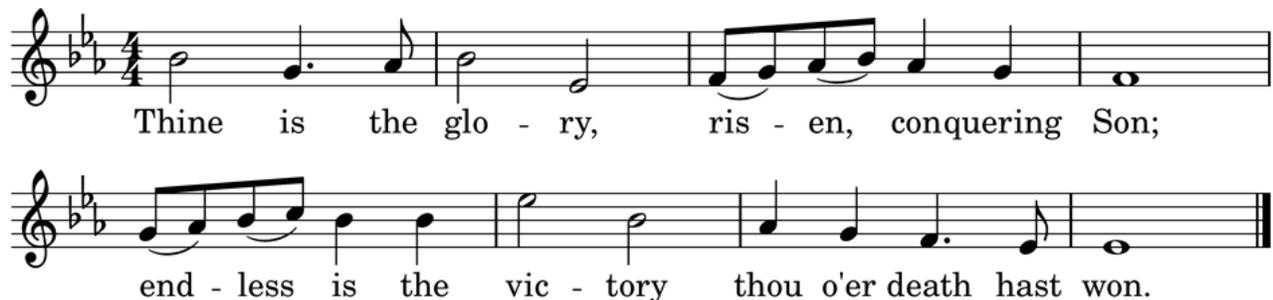
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***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Response**

“Thine Is the Glory” (refrain)

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Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, conquering Son;
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

***Postlude**

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

arr. David N. Johnson

Pastors: Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood
Steve Watters

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Liturgist: Cindy Newman

Acolyte: Devin Griggs