

5th Sunday of Easter

May 15th, 2022

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come today from different places, different moods, different mornings.

Some are hectic and rushed, others quiet, perhaps forlorn. Regardless, we are loved equally in God's eyes.

We pray for health or happiness; we pray for strength or support.

We pray in joy and hope and longing, and God hears each prayer the same.

We worship with different voices and talents, and we lift up our hearts united in praise.

Each one of us is unique and beloved; together we praise God who welcomes our worship as one.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN Lead On, O King Eternal

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Who are we to get in Your way, Holy God? We put people into neat, little boxes, but you rip them open, so folks can dance in Your joy. We imprison others with our unmet expectations, and You set them free with Your Word. We build walls around those we don't know, and You tear them down, so they can come into the kingdom.

Who are we to get in your way, Saving Lord, especially in the way of Your forgiveness offered to all! Give us Your vision that sees everyone as equal - forgiven, graced, loved - even as we seek to follow You, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

We know who God is by the love shown to us in Christ Jesus.

We will show others who we are - and Whose we are - by the love poured out by our lives.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 19:7-14

ANTHEM "Festive Trumpet Tune" Rebekah Ratza

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 15:1-29

SERMON "Dealing with Unsound Doctrine: Syria and Cilicia" Pastor Robbie Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

How do we discern that something comes from the Lord and is not just our opinion?

How do we recognize the difference between disputable opinions and moral commands?

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING (Financial Offerings can be placed in dropbox located in the New Narthex)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY "You are Worthy" Rebekah Ratza

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "O Worship the King"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Let us go now to praise God with our hearts.

To see the imagination of God in every moment of creation, in every person we meet in the days to come.

Let us go now to praise Jesus with our lives.

To bring justice to those who are oppressed, to bring hope to those who live in despair and worry.

Let us go now to praise the Spirit with our lips.

To speak peace into all the broken places of our communities, to whisper grace to all those forgotten by the world.

POSTLUDE "Prelude in C Major" Rebekah Ratza

Peace be with you!

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