

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PUBLIC WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.

The Reverend Mark Douyard, Officiate

LARGE PRINT hymnals available
 NURSERY is available upon request during the Worship Service
 SUNDAY SCHOOL is available during the Worship Service, except during summer
 *All who are able may stand

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*

My God, I know that you are here with me today. You are loving me. Help me to be conscious you are with me in everything I say and do.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

MISSION MOMENT:

Our mission is to provide a church home that serves our congregation and our community through praise, worship, and Christian outreach with a determination to live by God’s Word and for God’s glory.

MAY MISSION: Diakonia and The Samaritan Shelter

INTROIT: *“Hail, Thee, Festival Day”*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**)

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it. (Psalm 22)

*HYMN: #648 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You make us branches of your vine, but we fail to abide in you. You extend your promise to all, yet we seek to cut off and exclude. Forgive us, God of grace. Sanctify us in your perfect love, the love that casts out all fear, so that we may truly love one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Moment of Silence)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Leader/**People**)

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that through God’s love in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE: *“Celtic Alleluia”* (Alleluia 4x)

CONCERNS and JOYS

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals

*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Our great and glorious God, grant that we may gain a glimpse of your eternal truth as we hear your holy Word this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4:7-21

(Pew Bible Page 241)

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Let us love one another; we love because God first loved us.

ANTHEM: *“I Am the Vine”*

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:1-8

(Pew Bible Page 109)

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Jesus says: I am the vine, you are the branches; abide in me.

SERMON: *“Pay it Forward”*

Reverend Mark Douyard

*HYMN: #240 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *“The Apostles’ Creed”* (Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals

THE RESPONDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*SONG OF DEDICATION: #815 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *“Doxology”*

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Unison)

Accept, O Lord, these offerings which we make to you, understanding that all we have comes from you and we return but a portion of the bounty that you have freely showered upon us. May these gifts prosper under your guidance, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE SENDING

*HYMN: #56 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *“To God Be the Glory”*

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE : *“Fantasia”* by Thomas de Santa Maria

Director of Music – Matthew Gillis