

Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Adagio — Poco allegretto

César Franck

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

*We sing praises to you, O Holy One,
for you have healed us and brought us back to life.*

**God has turned our mourning into dancing.
Let us sing praises to the God of Life!**

◆ Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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Call to Confession

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

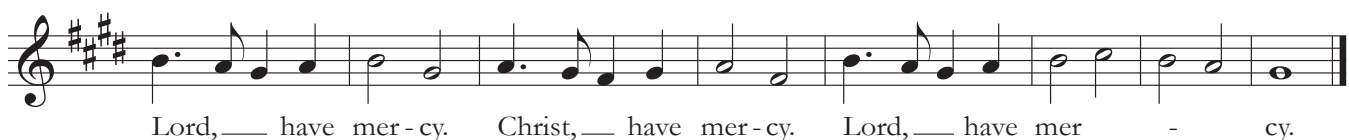
Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, O God, that we have been tempted by evil and have succumbed to sin. You nourish us with your eternal word, but we hunger for bread that perishes. You call us to worship you alone, but we seek to serve worldly powers. You offer us salvation, but we gamble with the gift of life. Forgive us, God of grace. Guide us by your Word and guard us with your Spirit, so that we may live in faith and follow you faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Ukrainian chant



Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the promise of God: when you call on me, I will answer;

I will satisfy you with life and show you my saving love.

This is the good news of God's reconciling love: in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

GTG 232

Hymns of praise now let us sing: Alleluia!

Unto Christ our heavenly king: Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave: Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save: Alleluia!

◆ Passing of the Peace

As God's forgiven people, we can bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

God's Word to Us

Psalter

Psalm 149:1-4

Anthem (11:00)

Open Now Thy Gates

Robert Wetzler

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion let me enter there,

Where my soul, in joyful duty, waits for God who answers prayer:

Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

Gracious God, I come before thee, come thou also down to me;

Where we find thee, and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be.

To my heart oh enter thou, let it be thy temple now.

Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;

Let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,

So that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.

Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;

May I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.

Here of life the fountain flows, here is balm for all our woes.

Epistle Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

Sermon

Mourning Into Dancing

Ken Henry

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

We affirm our faith in the living God.

We affirm that we turn to God in times of doubt and in times of trial.

**We affirm that we do not have all the answers,
nor do we pretend to understand all mysteries,
but you do, O God,
for you are the Alpha, the beginning of all things,
and the Omega, the end,
and all that is between.**

We have known your healing.

We have known your grace.

We have felt your presence.

**Our sorrow has turned into dancing,
our tears into songs of joy.**

Therefore, we praise you forever and ever more. Amen.

◆ Hymn 21 (11:00) **Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works** LACQUIPARLE

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer Glory to God hymnal, pg. 35

Offertory (8:30) *Aria* J. S. Bach
(11:00) *And I Saw a New Heaven* Malcolm Archer

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
And there was no more sea.
And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem,
Coming down from God out of heaven,
Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying;
For the former things are passed away.

◆ Presentation of the Offering GTG 607
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving
Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with your abundance and your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

◆ Hymn 384 **Soon and Very Soon** SOON AND VERY SOON

◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Mit Freuden Zart* Hugo Distler

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are given by Nancy Takahashi and David Oakland
in memory of their fathers, Gene Takahashi and Milo Oakland.*

What's Happening *at Westminster*

Sunday, May 15

Congregational Meeting following the 11 a.m. service In-Person and via Live-stream

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Last Day of Church School

10:15 a.m. Kona Ice treats in the Arcade for all ages

1:30 p.m. Session Meeting in the Library and Hybrid

4 p.m. Organ Concert Series, Jonathan Schakel, harpsichord

Monday, May 16

6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Courtyard

Wednesday, May 18

7 p.m. 20/30 CreW Wednesday Wind-Down

Friday, May 20

6 p.m. Church Softball Game at Darden Towe Park

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Sunday, May 22

Graduation Weekend

8:30 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary (only)

9:45 a.m. Deacons Meeting in the Library and Hybrid

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