

5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.



*At the ringing of the chimes please silence your cell phones
and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for
an encounter with the Living God.*

Bolded text is read or sung by all.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

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Voluntary Great is Thy Faithfulness
Vallorie Marsillo, piano

Water Music G. F. Handel
Vallorie Marsillo, piano - Bob Carlyon, organ

Introit O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord
*Christopher Tye
Choral Scholars*

*Call to Worship

**Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise God.
Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!**

*Hymn #495 We Know that Christ is Raised ENGELBERG

Call to Confession Brad Hall

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, your command to love one another across all
differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond
with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity.
Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that
leads to life for all creation.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Silence is observed.

Response We Walk by Faith
(sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)

*We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear
From Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we believe him
near.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven.
Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by
your love.

*Response #579

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

We invite you now to greet one another saying,
The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Anthem

The Journey

Arr. Joseph Martin

Based on the American Shaker Melody "Simple Gifts" and
"Going Home" from Dvorak's "New World Symphony"

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all
creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Time with Young Disciples

Dottie Erb

*Following the Time for Young Disciples, children are invited to stay with their
families, participate in the K-6 children's choir rehearsal, or visit with our
childcare staff in the nursery.*

Prayer for Illumination

**O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is
trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may
it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the
water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.**

148:1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

148:2 **Praise God, all the angels; praise God, all God's host!**

148:3 Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

148:4 **Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

148:5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God commanded and they were created.

148:6 **God established them forever and ever; God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

148:7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

148:8 **fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!**

148:9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

148:10 **Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

148:11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

148:12 **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

148:13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven.

148:14 **God has raised up a horn for the people, praise for all God's faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to God. Praise the Lord!**

*Hymn #345

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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The Lessons

John 1: 1-5 & Revelation 21: 1-6

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Reverend David Aber

*Affirmation of Faith

THE SCOTS CONFESSION

Chapter 1 - God

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

Prayers of the People - The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

*Hymn #446

Glorious Things of thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Charge and Benediction

Jesus has loved us so that we may love others. Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

May God who has made you a new creation give you grace to grow in faith, hope, love, and justice. Amen.

Voluntary

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Joel Raney

Funding for today's music was provided by the Seiberling Music Endowment Fund.
Serving as liturgist today is Brad Hall.

Announcements

Music on May 22 *"I Will Sing With the Spirit"* during the morning worship service we welcome Westminster Choir and guest instrumentalists.

The Flowers in the Chancel are given in loving memory of Richard M. Park on his birthday by Lisa Park Boush and Carlton Boush.

Beyond Suffering/Disability Ministry Monday, May 16, at 3:00 p.m., the 12-week class will resume once a week in room 106. Everyone is welcome to participate in this free class exploring God's words on disability through the Bible. For questions email Claudine at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com. Take the new schedule on the table.

Card Box for Margo Works & Bob Carlyon Please use the box at the connection point in WHH to put cards and thank you notes to Margo and Bob who have both faithfully served the church, Margo as the Interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry, and Bob as the Interim Director of Music and Organist.

Jazz Vespers Service is today, Sunday, May 15, at 4:00 p.m.



Calendar of Church Building Events

For May 15-22, 2022

Sunday, 5/15

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:10 am Children's Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
- Children's Choir Party in Choir Room
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship in WHH
- 11:40 am Personnel Committee Meeting in Tween Room
- VBS Planning Meeting in Youth Room
- Worship Committee Meeting in Pastor's Study
- Outreach Meeting in Room 106
- Deacon's Meeting in the Library
- 4:00 pm Jazz Vespers with Theron Brown & his Ensemble in Sanctuary

Monday, 5/16

- 3:00 pm Beyond Suffering Disability Class in Room 106
- 7:00 pm Zoom Women's Evening Circle

Tuesday, 5/17

- 9:30 am Quilt Ministry Meeting in WHH
- 6:00 pm Zoom Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, 5/19

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Saturday, 5/21

- 8:00 am Food For Life in the Kitchen
- 9:00 am Celtic Gardeners in Celtic Garden

Sunday, 5/22

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- Parent Visioning of Christian Ed program in Room 106
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream with Special Music
- "I Will Sing With the Spirit"
- 11:30 am Farewell Reception in WHH for Margo Works and Bob Carlyon

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.

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Voted by Session:

- *Masks are now optional during worship service.*
- *Coffee returns every Sunday after worship. Please sign up in WHH for Birthday Cake the first Sunday of the month.*
- *8:30 a.m. summer worship returns in June and July 2022.*



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