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Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

PRELUDE

TOLLING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God from the heavens, in the heights!

Praise God, all angels; the heavenly host.

Praise God sun and moon and shining stars.

Praise God blue skies and gentle rains.

For God alone is exalted, God's glory is endless.

God's blessings extend beyond this life to life eternal.

HYMN #306 Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen!

CONFESSION:

God of grace and peace, we too often turn from your grace and can find no peace in our lives. We choose to follow the ways of this world instead of your ways. Our actions and our thoughts are centered only on ourselves, our needs and our desires. Forgive us our self-centered tendencies and open us, once again, to the beauty of life as you envision it, life that brings the hope of resurrection through your Son. Amen.

ASSURANCE:

As Christ died for our sins, Christ also rose again to God's glory. The continuing message of Easter includes grace and forgiveness in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!

#734 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.

SCRIPTURE:

John 13:31-35

Acts 11:1-18

MEDITATION

HYMN #123 Fairest Lord Jesus

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above the heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**These gifts represent our commitment to your Son, O
Lord, and to the proclamation of his good news
through words and actions. Bless both the gifts we
offer and our own intent, for we ask this all in His
name. Amen.**

HYMN #600 In Christ There Is No East or West

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Diane O'Rorke in memory of her parents and grandparents.

CONSISTORY will meet on Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

BIBLE STUDY will be held on Thursday at 10 am.

CHURCH LIBRARY will be open on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 9-10:30 am and the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7 pm.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

19 *Arthur Metz*

24 *Joan Hulbert*

5/11/25 GIVING--\$373.00 TOTAL GIVING YTD--\$14,490.00

5/11/25 MEMBER ATTENDANCE—32

5/11/25 TOTAL ATTENDANCE—41

YTD MEMBER ATTENDANCE AVERAGE—30

YTD TOTAL ATTENDANCE AVERAGE--36