



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Prelude in G" Felix Mendelssohn

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

***CALL TO WORSHIP ⁽¹⁾**

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

All: May God's face shine upon us and bring us peace!

One: Let all people praise you, O Lord.

All: Let all people shout their joy to your holy name.

One: God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.

All: Thanks be to God, for God's eternal love and blessing. Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #1 *New Century Hymnal*
vv. 1-3

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as night, not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might.
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**Your life is life giving to both great and small; in all life you’re living, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,
then wither and perish but naught dims your powers.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)

**Grace-giving God, you ask us to love and to keep your word. Simple instructions. Yet,
even with the Advocate to help us, we still fail at loving and following faithfully. Every
time we fail, speak to us again of your truths. Keep telling us over and over again, so that
one day soon, we hear your words and believe. Amen. *(silent confession)***

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (3)

Christ says, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” There is peace in God’s
forgiveness. Know that you are forgiven, know that you are loved, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” v. 4

**So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light, your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
All praise we now render as your angels do; in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM “I Will Sing Unto the Lord” Jamie Killion & Joseph M. Martin

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:23-29

Pew Bible p.877-878

A Word of God that is still speaking,
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

DeeDee Yanczer

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “God of Grace and God of Glory” #436 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**From the evils that surround us and assail the Savior’s ways,
from the fears that long have bound us--free our hearts for faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**Cure your children’s warring madness; bend our pride to your control.
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, make our broken spirits whole,
make our broken spirits whole.**

**Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
armored with all Christlike graces, in the fight to set us free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, in the quest for liberty, in the quest for liberty.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.**

RESPONDING

We respond to God’s Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

OFFERTORY "Meditation in D Minor" George Oldroyd
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE #778 *New Century Hymnal*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION(4)

God of generosity, we are grateful you do not give as the world gives. Instead, you give unconditionally and abundantly. As we offer our time, talent, and treasure, we ask that you might transform our efforts so that our giving might come to be more and more like yours. Amen.

*COMMISSIONING HYMN "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #293 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.

Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive till you know that Spirit's fullness and believe; you're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to stay with Jesus all the way." *Refrain*

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Trumpet in Dialogue" Louis Nicolas Clerambault

Worship Endnotes

1. Adapted from www.ministrymatters.com
- 2-4 Adapted from The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury

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