

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

9:30 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.*

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *For All* Olson & Baer  
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### The Call to Worship

We gather to worship as people of Easter,  
**people who know Life is stronger than death.**  
We gather to worship as children of God,  
**children loved and claimed by the risen Lord.**  
We gather to worship as the body of Christ,  
**the church called out for service in the world.**  
Let us worship God together.

The Hymn of Praise *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* 356  
(verses 1 & 3)

The Call to Confession John 15:12  
We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as Christ has love us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

### The Prayer of Confession

O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent. When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain. When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace, show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate. Hear us Lord, as we approach you in silence with our individual intentions (Silence).  
Forgive us, risen Christ, of all the ways we fall short, and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon John 15:13  
Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us! We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Response 579  
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.

The Special Music *Right By the Water* Peterson  
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## The Word of God

### The Time with the Children

The Recognition of Graduates and Awarding of Scholarships  
Class of 2020 – Kaylee Martinez, Cate Baldwin, Erin Wilkins  
Class of 2021 – Benjamin Fowler, Grace Krugielki, Samuel Egbert

The New Testament Reading Acts 10:44-48

The Gospel Reading John 15:9-17

The Sermon "Love One Another" Pastor Philomena

## Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith (*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22*)  
New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen

The Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* 298  
(verses 1 & 2)

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts  
The Prayer of Dedication

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *As We Go* Johnson  
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Please consider taking the bulletin home and disposing of it there.

### **Acts 10:44-48**

Good News Translation

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit came down on all those who were listening to his message. <sup>45</sup> The Jewish believers who had come from Joppa with Peter were amazed that God had poured out his gift of the Holy Spirit on the Gentiles also. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in strange tongues and praising God's greatness. Peter spoke up: <sup>47</sup> "These people have received the Holy Spirit, just as we also did. Can anyone, then, stop them from being baptized with water?" <sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay with them for a few days.

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## John 15:9-17

Good News Translation

<sup>9</sup> I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

<sup>11</sup> "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. <sup>13</sup> The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. <sup>14</sup> And you are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. <sup>17</sup> This, then, is what I command you: love one another.



## Mother's Day Flowers

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