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... and support to the challenged.

We give you thanks and praise. Alleluia!

... and act as if you have no claim on our lives, **forgive us;**

... but we default to what is comfortable and safe, **forgive us;**

... but we make little room in our lives for gestures of mercy, **forgive us.**

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while walking side-by-side—with our neighbors,
for our neighbors, and for you. **Alleluia! Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

praise eternal as God’s love. Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

TEXT: stanza 4. Charles Wesley, 1740, PD MUSIC: Lyra Davidica, 1708; adapt. from The Compleat Psalmist, 1749 PD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 15:1-18

MUSIC

Amazing Grace

arr. Patricia Cota

Deb Claxton, Ken Curry, Molly Frederick, Susan Pearce, Gail Thomas, and

Laura Viau, handbell ringers

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RECOGNIZING OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Erskine Blount

Kathleen Durham & Powell Braddock

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

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... where injustice is ingrained and the same voices shout the loudest.

Lord, let there be change.

We pray for transformation in hearts left cold by hurt, n lives destroyed by loneliness, in bodies held to ransom by pain and souls crying out for relief.

Lord, let there be transformation.

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... made real in Christ Jesus, our Savior. **Lord, let there be healing.**

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... and not just a dream for the hopeful. **Lord, let there be movement.**

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... praying the prayer your Son taught us to pray, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, . . .

HYMN

In Christ Called to Baptize

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In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach

the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach.

By grace may our living give proof to our praise

in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,

for you are within us, around us, above.

Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.

In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

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BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

And so we go, in the company of believers of every time and place
loved into being by God, inspired by the the Spirit,
and commissioned by Jesus.

From where we are now, to where you need us:

God, we hear you call us

From the familiarity of what we know,
to the wonder of what will be revealed,

Spirit, we trust you to guide us

Because you promise to work through us - even us! -
to transform the fabric of the world

Jesus, we know you will walk with us,

accompanying us, today and always. Amen.



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

5th Sunday of Easter | May 2, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Easter people, have you heard the news?

Christ is here! In our hearts, in our lives, and in our midst.

Christ is our companion on this road of faith.

We come, ready for Christ to open our eyes.

Alleluia! Let us worship God.

HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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O for a thousand tongues to sing

my dear Redeemer's praise,

the glories of my God and King,

the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears,

and bids our sorrows cease,

sings music in the sinner's ears,

brings life and health and peace.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt. PD MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828 PD

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

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... and peace prevails against empire.

We give you thanks and praise. Alleluia!

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