

Order of Worship
Fifith Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music *Hymn Melody* arr. Adam O'Boyle

Welcome

Prelude *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Cindy Berry

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels and all his host! Praise him, sun and moon and all you shining stars!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

And from the earth, all peoples, men and women alike, old and young together!

Let us praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

***Hymn 196** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Valet Will Ich Geben

Litany for Easter (Responsive)

Holy God, You are coming to make all things new.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

We long for you to make us new. Sin has stained and scarred us and has become so familiar to us.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

**We have worshiped you with our lips, but not with our hearts.
We have followed you with our words, but not with our lives.
We have developed habits of convenience; our ways have become well-worn.**

Litany for Easter (Continued)

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Forgive us. Make us new. Start afresh with us, so that we might go in the way of Jesus Christ.

Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Amen.

Word and Wonder—A Time for Children

Scripture Lesson Acts 11:1-18

Sermon In the Way Rev. Christie Ashton

***Hymn 738** *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* Maryton

***Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

As we pray together the prayer Christ taught us ...

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 300** *They'll Know We Are Christians* We Are Christians

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Crown Him With many Crowns* arr. George J. Elvey

Worship Leader This Sunday: Traci Loveman
Worship Leader May 22: Tim Clutts and Mya Johnson

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOPE

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Crown Him With Many Crowns

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YOU ARE INVITED! Our Playschool ministry's End-of-the-Year Program and Cookout is this Thursday evening! The Playschool students will have a brief program at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary followed by a cookout in our parking lot. The church will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs, and our Playschool families will be bringing sides and desserts. You can also bring a side dish or dessert, but it's not required. The Playschool has had an amazing building year and we are looking forward to expanding to five classes in the fall. Join us as we celebrate this ministry of our church!

TRIKE-A-THON SUCCESS: The Playschool's first St. Jude Trike-a-Thon was a roaring success. In addition to parents and grandparents, we also welcomed back the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, to provide traffic control for our ride and some bike safety tips. Our Trike-a-Thon raised \$825 for St. Jude Children's Hospital!

GIVING REMINDER: A friendly reminder that the church's ministry continues year round and we have easy options for people to make their contributions. If you attend in person, there is an offering plate at the back of the Sanctuary. If you attend virtually or prefer other options for giving, you can give online through our Vanco Giving at this link ([Your Donation Page](#)) or ACH (automatic payments) made from your bank to the church on a scheduled basis. If you have any questions regarding these, please call the church office.