

# Traditional Service May 2, 2021 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### The flowers gracing our sanctuary are given to the Glory of God.

Flowers for the sanctuary are a treasured way to enhance worship, while honoring or remembering loved ones or commemorating a special occasion. For more information or to reserve a date, please contact Laura Hairston at lhairston@germantownumc.org.

#### Prelude

#### **Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!**

#### **Robert Hobby**

### **Call to Worship**

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ. **We come because we seek to abide in Christ.** The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit. **We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.** If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us. **We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.** We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. **May we grow fruitfully as God tends us lovingly.** 

### Hymn

#### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

In keeping with directions from our Bishop and the Center for Disease Control, congregational singing is discouraged at this time. The words of the hymn are included so that you might follow along with the singers and internalize the text for your spiritual growth.

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

#### \*PSALTER Responsively

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

#### **Alleluia! Our Hearts and Voices Raise** Anthem

Alleluia, our hearts and voices raise. O sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing a hymn of praise.

For Christ the Lord is risen, His glories let us sing; Now raise our joys and triumphs high To serve the King of Kings.

Alleluia, Love's saving work is done, Sing out ye heavens, ye earth reply, The battle has been won. For Christ the Lord is risen, His glories let us sing; Now raise our joys and triumphs high To serve the King of Kings.

Come into his gates with thanksgiving: Into his courts with praise. The Lord of earth and heaven, All glory now be given. Lives again our righteous King, Where, O death, is now thy sting?

Alleluia, Christ Jesus lives today, Creation leads the song of earth, All the angels say: For Christ the Lord is risen, His glories let us sing; Now raise our joys and triumphs high To serve the King of Kings.

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

**Scripture** 

Sermon

\*Matthew 6:25-34

The Shepherd's Care **II. Lying Down in Green Pastures** 

#### **Sacrament of Communion**

\*Benediction

Postlude

**Trumpet Tune** 

**Henry Kihlken** 



Leading in Worship... Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor | Preaching Rev. Dr. Brad Gabriel, Executive Minister | Liturgist Todd Wilson, Director of Music Eva McPeters, Associate Director of Music **Chancel Choir Members** 

## Psalm 23 (KJV)

**Michael Joseph**