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10:15 am Worship Service

May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Tara Howell

ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE

Please stand in body and in spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP (Revelation 21:1-6)
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.
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 and be their God;
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."
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."
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.

Hymn #55 Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here
Please be seated

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE
God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new possibilities of life. We recognize how deeply limited our understanding of love is, how often we fail to recognize Love's true practice and meaning, how much the powers and principalities of this world co-opt the idea of "love" for death-dealing purposes. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Let your spirit receive this assurance:
in all these things we are more than forgiven through the One who loved us.
Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you be known by your love.

SENIOR CHOIR Take Me Back to the Cross. Pethel

Prayer for Illumination
O God of promise, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may your promise rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18
John 13:31-35
The word of the Lord.
Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SERMON
Please stand in body or in spirit.

Hymn #595 They'll Know We Are Christians
Please be seated

MISSION MOMENT Lee Metzger

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)
(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer
Our Creator (Mother/Father/Spirit), 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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY
“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” Through our offerings, let us love as Jesus loves us.

OFFERTORY

Please stand in body or in spirit

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #147
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
**Let Love be our offering.
Let Love be our giving.
Let Love be our dedication.
Let Love be our calling.
Let love be our welcome.
Let Love be our thanksgiving.
Let Love be our prayer.
Amen.**

Hymn #287 Lift High the Cross

BENEDICTION
People of Love, let the love of Jesus Christ transform you into the new creation by your love for others. Let love be your blessing, this day and every day until glory comes. Amen.

Please be seated

Postlude

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**Head Ushers for May are Herb Volk and Erin Rush  
Ushers today are Lee Metzger and Ruth Yothers  
Altar Guild the month of May are Amy Smith and Karen Rush**

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Consistory 2025  
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Herb Volk (Vice President)  
Consistory Secretary – Angela Stofflet; Treasurer – Jen Flexer**

55 Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of brok-en trust and  
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum-ble us, and  
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear, though  
chos - en wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains, by  
as your own, not through some mer - it, right or claim, but  
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed, and  
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty to

marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our  
so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by powers and sys - tems  
by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your  
show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
turn from guilt and dull de - spair and of - fer all that

heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.  
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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ABINGDON  
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They'll Know We Are Christians 595

*Unison*

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.  
And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.  
And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

*Refrain*

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

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## Lift High the Cross 287

*Refrain (Unison)*

Musical score for the Refrain (Unison) of 'Lift High the Cross'. The score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.' The bass line is a simple accompaniment.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till  
all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.

*Verse (parts)*

Musical score for the Verse (parts) of 'Lift High the Cross'. The score is written for four parts (1, 2, 3, 4) in 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the refrain, with the lyrics '1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod, 2 All new-born ser-vants of the Cru-ci-fied, 3 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, 4 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be:'. The bass line is a simple accompaniment.

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2 All new-born ser-vants of the Cru-ci-fied  
3 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be:

*to Refrain*

Musical score for the 'to Refrain' section of 'Lift High the Cross'. The score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'our King vic-to-ri-ous, Christ, the Son of God. bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. your death has brought us life e-ter-nal-ly. praise to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry.' The bass line is a simple accompaniment.

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CRUCIFER  
10.10.10.10.



**RUMMAGE SALE: June 7<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Cleaning!!! Bring your items to the church. For more details see Angela Stofflet (stoffletangela@gmail.com or 610-202-4680). Please leave your donations in Fellowship hall on the table marked “Rummage Sale”.

Several rummage sale item drop off days/evenings have been set up to help you with carrying items up the stairs into Fellowship Hall. Those dates are as follows: May 13th 6 to 8pm, May 20th 11am to 1pm,

May 28 6 to 8pm. Of course, you can bring rummage sale items and place them in Fellowship Hall anytime as well.

### This is a list of items we will be **UNABLE** to accept for donation:

1. Automotive Supplies
  - a. Vehicle Roof Top Carriers
  - b. Tires
  - c. Wheels
2. Baby Items
  - a. Car seats
  - b. Cribs
  - c. Equipment over 10 years old
3. Bedding
  - a. Box Springs/Bed Springs
  - b. Electric Blankets
  - c. Hospital & Electric Beds
  - d. Water Beds
4. Building Supplies
  - a. Built in Cabinets
  - b. Doors
  - c. Sinks
  - d. Windows
5. Computer/Office Equipment
  - a. CRT Monitors
  - b. Computers
  - c. Copiers
  - d. Fax Machines
  - e. Keyboards/Mouse
  - f. Printers
  - g. Scanners
6. Major Appliances
7. Electrical
  - a. Ceiling Fans
  - b. Foot Spas
  - c. TVs: Older than 5yo. Larger than 32"
  - d. Projection TVs
8. Household Items
  - a. Exercise Equipment older than 5yo
  - b. Food
  - c. Helmets: Bike & Equestrian
  - d. Kerosene Heaters
  - e. Wire hangers
9. Furniture
  - a. "Bean Bag" Chairs
  - b. Entertainment Centers
  - c. Pianos and Organs
  - d. Wood TV and Stereo Console Units
10. Medical Equipment
  - a. CPAP Machines
  - b. Nebulizers
11. Outdoor Equipment
  - a. Camping Tents & Canopies
  - b. Gasoline, Propane Powered Equipment
  - c. Grills
  - d. Paint and Oil
  - e. Skis, Ski Boots & Poles
12. Refrigeration Misc.
  - a. Air Conditioners
  - b. Dehumidifiers