

The 5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #836 "Abide With Me" *Dr. Renee Huff*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT #314 "Longing for Light"

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 22 *Amanda Avery*

From you, my God, comes my praise in the great
congregation;

our vows we will pay before those who fear the Lord.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek shall praise the Lord.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

and all the families of the nations shall worship before

our God.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the
nations.

May our hearts live forever!

*OPENING HYMN #630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*OPENING PRAYER

**O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding
for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love
for you that we may obtain your promises, which exceed
all that we can desire. Speak to us once more the soothing
words as of a mother with child, so that we may be
comforted amidst a hurting world, and inspired by
the truth you inspire within our lives. Forgive our broken
ways, as we seek your grace once more.**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

In Christ Jesus, we are loved eternally, and forgiven.

Alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** "Amen"

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SCRIPTURE READING Romans 6:1-14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM #156 "In the Garden" *Eddie Homes, soloist*

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SERMON "From Death to Life" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #629** "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Acts 10:36-43

Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.

He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal P. 35*

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP *Stephany Morgan*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY #751 "From the Nets of Our Labors"

***DOXOLOGY #606** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #837** "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

***BLESSING & SENDING** John 15:9-11

Jesus says, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

May we go from this place loving one another, loving the world, loving our God.

Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE** "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH COVERED DISH LUNCH & TOWN HALL GATHERING

TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 28 You're invited! Please join us for a covered dish lunch & Town Hall gathering today, Sunday, April 28 at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. Roxbury stew and drinks will be provided. All are welcome!

THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY TODAY are given in the Glory of God in memory of Dr. Rudolph Mardre Bell.

BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY! Please come to our weekly Bible discussion class on Tuesday, May 7 at 10:00am in the library. Pastor Jeff will lead the discussion. Coffee and refreshments will be served. All are welcome. We hope you can join us!

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING There will be a Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting Thursday, May 2 at 2:00pm in the parlor.

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Judy; Bret Ritchie; Mona Tate; Sherry Cox's sister Tommie Sue Schindler; Paul Goble; Jim Cooke; Justin Tate; David Klein (brother-in law of Scott & Sharon Wilson); Joanne Lam; family of Frank McDonough

Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.

Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless otherwise requested.

Elders

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