



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

May 1, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Helen Griffin

*Welcome!*

*We're glad you are here to worship with us,  
whether in-person or virtually on Zoom or YouTube.*

# Gathering the People of God

## WELCOME

The Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

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*If you are new, please include contact information to be added to our mailing list, including The Weekly Update, our weekly email of announcements and information.*

The peace of Christ be with you, my friends.

✠ **And also with you.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

(480) 256-8216

*Prayers may be texted to the above number,  
or call and leave a message.*

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

## CENTERING TIME & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

*"Will the Circle be Unbroken"*

Ted Gibson

BY CHARLES H. GABRIEL

Pianist

*We use this time to center our spirits, bring our attention to God within our breath, and remember that we are connected to all things through the Body of Christ.*

*We light candles to remind us of the light of God's love that exists within each human being and every created thing. The candles on the communion table represent the light of community. The single candle near the pulpit is the paschal candle, the light of Christ that shines on and in the world, and the darkness cannot overcome it.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

*Based on Psalm 150*

Christ is risen!

**⌘ Christ is risen indeed!**

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred hour!

Celebrate God in all places in God's realm!

**⌘ Give praise for God's abundant love!**

**Give praise for God's gift of life resurrected!**

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets!

**⌘ Praise God with the harp and the cello!**

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

**⌘ Praise God with flutes and guitars!**

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

**⌘ Let everything with life and breath praise God!**

### **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**⌘ And also with you.**

### **\*HYMN**

*"Praise Ye the Lord"*

#633

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>**

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,  
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,

**⌘ forgive us and help us to find our voice.**

When we are afraid to forgive and to love again,

**⌘ forgive us and give us the power to forgive.**

When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority,

**⌘ join with the weak to make us all strong.**

When we are confined by our hurts,

**⌘ touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.**

When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,

**⌘ pass through our barricades,**

**open our hearts,**

**and give us peace.**

*Moment for silent reflection and confession.*

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE<sup>1</sup>**

Christ heals us with the light of grace,  
shining into our locked places and shadowy hurts,  
resurrecting our spirits  
and breathing into us new life.

**⌘ As God's own forgiven people,  
may we go out to bring peace, forgiveness,  
and new life into and for the world,  
in the name of Jesus, our Christ.**

**ANTHEM**

*“Draw the Circle Wide”*

Chancel Choir

ARR. MARK A. MILLER

*Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

*Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

## **Listening for God’s Word**

**MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN**

Helen Griffin

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING<sup>1</sup>**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 5.27-32  
Revelation 1.4-8  
John 20.19-31

Word of wisdom,  
word of grace.  
⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

*“Whom will you serve?”*

## **Responding to God’s Word**

**\*RESPONSE**

*“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

#591

*A time of reflection and meditation.*

*Refrain:  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING<sup>1</sup>**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION<sup>1</sup>**

# The Lord's Supper

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING<sup>1</sup>**

The Lord be with you.

⌘ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

⌘ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

⌘ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... And so, with the two Marys and the disciples,  
with all who have wept and been comforted,  
with all who have mourned and found hope,  
we sing your Easter praises.

**\*SANCTUS**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

**#1**

(v. 1)

1 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al-might-y!  
Ear-ly in the morn-ing our song shall rise to thee.  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! mer-ci-ful and might-y!  
God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin-i - ty!

So, God of loss and love, ...

**PRAYER OF JESUS (Modern)**

⌘ **Our Creator in Heaven, blessed be your name.**

**Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin  
against us.  
Keep us from temptation, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory,  
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

### **\*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*You may come forward when invited by an usher. Receive the piece of bread as a gift from God. Receive the cup as a reminder of our common bond. Place used communion cup on the basket provided.*

*If you have brought your own elements or are celebrating communion at home, you may receive God's gifts when you are ready.*

### **\*COMMUNION HYMN**

#### **"Come to the Table of Grace"**

#507

*(You are invited to sing along with the choir during Communion)*

**Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of peace...  
Come to the table of love...  
Come to the table of hope...  
Come to the table of joy...**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION<sup>2</sup>**

# Sent Out in Jesus' Name

## INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

### \*HYMN

*"For Everyone Born"*

#769

*For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,*

*For she, he and them, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for she, he, and them, a system that's fair,*

**[Refrain]**

***and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
compassion and peace: yes,  
God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!***

*For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,*

*For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live,*

**[Refrain]**

*For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,*

**[Refrain]**

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

### \*POSTLUDE

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*  
ARR. FRED BOCK

Jon Sywassink,  
*Organist*

***The postlude is a time of reflection on how God has been present to us during worship, and is present to us in our daily lives.***

*Remember you are the light of the world!  
Let your light shine!*

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## **Today's Worship Leaders**

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*Ushers*

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1: Advent through Pentecost* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012), 148ff, Kindle Edition loc. 3178ff.

**MEMORIAL PLANT:** *Given this day by Fran Higley in celebration of her family*

**MEMORIAL BOOK:** *To the Glory of God and in honor of Clifford & Charlotte Nielson 30th Wedding Anniversary Pews were presented by Minor Markle in 1980.*



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