

April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

† You are invited to stand when you see this symbol.



PRELUDE You are Holy

## WELCOME AND OUR LIFE TOGETHER

† HYMN #300 We Are One in the Spirit They'll know we...

# † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ is Lord and Host,

inviting us to come and share in the feast he has prepared.

**People:** We lift up the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the Lord. Jesus Christ is Master and Servant, kneeling before us in humility,

washing our feet in love.

As he has loved us, let us love one another.

## † CALL TO CONFESSION

## † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent prayer)
God of Mercy
we confess that we have not loved others
as you have loved us.
In doing so, we have cut ourselves off from you.
Forgive us O Lord, and restore us,
that we may abide in your love
and live in your never-ending mercy. Amen.

## † ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Hear the good news,
Our Lord is righteous and merciful.
Return to him with all your heart,
and he shall redeem us, free us, and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you**.

## † RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. A-men.

World without end, without end. A-men.

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#### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:1-8 page 109 NT

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 John 4:7-21 page 241 OT

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

† *HYMN* #452

Open the Eyes of My Heart

OPEN THE EYES

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, who made the sun and the sky, the stars and the sea, who calls us to live responsibly. We believe in Jesus Christ, who became human, who healed the sick, who talked to children, who made friends with sinners. He burned brightly and offended many. His journey was one of life and death and resurrection. His light continues to shine in darkness. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspire the scriptures and whose breath we breathe. We believe that God calls us to be a community, committed to one another, offering a welcome to everyone, old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak. We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice, brothers and sisters, a light for our world. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† **DOXOLOGY** 

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we pray all are invited to sing with us: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, send us love, send us power; send us grace" at the appropriate times.

...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 (see insert)

Deep Down in My Heart

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE He Has Made Me Glad



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