

# Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday in Easter

May 18, 2014

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*O Lord, teach us to celebrate our new life in the gift of the Risen Lord;  
to see the grace of your heart which melts our fears;  
and to rejoice that all our moments are cradled in your hands.*

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

Selected

### WELCOME

John Hillin

### \*INTROIT # 4

**“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” (v 1 &2)**

Franz, 1774

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation.

***Our hearts are a shelter for the outcast, our hands open to the stranger.***

We are God's people, created in the divine image,

***to tell others of God's love, to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.***

We are God's own,

***called to give of ourselves, chosen to serve the lost and lonely, gifted to minister to a hurting world.***

We are blessed.

***Yes! God has blessed me. And I am honored to belong to God!***

### \*HYMN #250

**“In the Bulb There is a Flower”**

Sleeth, 1986

*May's Hymn of the Month*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Day by day, God wants to lead us to the places of hope and healing, yet we continue to follow sin down all the wrong paths. Let us confess our lives, as we draw near to the One who can restore us to wholeness. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

### SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Hear the brokenness of our lives, Forgiving Lord. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. We***

***shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news. Forgive us, O Eternal Hope, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. Help us to be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.***

### LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***“Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”***

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You are no longer alone – you are God's Beloved. You are not of this world, but residents of God's Kingdom. You, who once had no hope, have been filled with God's forgiveness.

***Each one of us, all of us, have received God's mercy in Christ. Forgiven, redeemed, made whole – we are a people made one in faith. Thanks be to God! Amen.***

### ANTHEM

***“Sing a Round of Praise”***

Chancel Choir

### \*GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

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## Proclaiming

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2: 2-10

Bibles, p.219 / LG. p. 282

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

#### HYMN #623

***“I've Got Peace Like a River”***

African American Spiritual

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 14: 3-14

Bibles, p.102 / LG. p.132

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

#### SERMON

***“The Way, the Truth, the Life”***

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***“True faith is a certain knowledge, by which I accept as true all that God revealed to us in the Word, and also a wholehearted trust which the Holy Spirit creates in me through the Gospel that, not only to others, but to me also God has given the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation out of sheer grace, solely for the sake of Christ's saving work.”***  
***This, we believe. Amen.***

– The Heidelberg Catechism 4.021

