



SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

— Gathering —

WELCOME

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OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

*We long for abiding peace*

*and friendship that renews our souls.*

Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

*We seek wisdom that endures*

*and guidance for our journey.*

Jesus says, "Where I am, there you may be also."

*We come to encounter Christ.*

*Let us worship our God!*

HYMN #321 (442)

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

Stone, 1866

*(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONFESSION

Trusting that God leans close to hear our prayers,  
let us draw near to God in prayer.

Holy God, in baptism you claim us as beloved children and set us apart as witnesses to your love.  
At times we forget we bear the mark of your grace and act as if you have no claim on our lives.  
You call us to the risky work of justice and peace, but we default to what is comfortable and safe.  
You call us to ministries of generosity and compassion, but we make little room in our busy lives  
for gestures of mercy beyond moments of spontaneous kindness. Wash us again with your grace and  
transform us by your Word, that we might proclaim your good news in word and deed.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

**We have been marked as God's own  
and welcomed into the family of faith!**

People of God, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE

Our scripture lesson is from the gospel according to John chapter 14, verses 1 through 14.

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

*Thanks be to God.*

## SERMON

*"Do Not Be Troubled?"*

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## DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

## HYMN #440 (303)

*"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

Wesley, 1740

*(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22*

*New life in Christ takes shape in a community*

*in which people know*

*that God loves and accepts them*

*in spite of what they are.*

*They therefore accept themselves*

*and love others,*

*knowing that no one has any ground*

*on which to stand,*

*except God's grace.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We offer our prayers through Christ,

who lives and reigns forever,

and prays for us in heaven.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

## LORD'S PRAYER—UNISON

*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.*

— *Sending* —

## BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the love of the holy triune God—

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—abide with you forever. *Alleluia!*

Remember the new commandment:

love one another, just as he has loved us. *Amen.*

## HYMN #4 (460)

*"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

Franz, 1744

*(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)*

*"Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences"*

