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Sunday, April 28, 2024

10:00AM

Fifth Sunday of Easter

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Voluntary in A minor

John Stanley

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

Children are excused to Sunday School after the Passing of the Peace.

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

for we are the church of Jesus Christ!

We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!

Gospel Praise

Wonderful

Gospel Choir

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you.

Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

Response GTG #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (3X)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
(Sung twice)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

1 John 4:7-21

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

God of All Grace
Chancel Choir

Hank Beebe

Second Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Affirmation of Faith (adapted from Belonging to God: A First Catechism)

We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. We believe the good news that gives us comfort that we belong to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for our sake, so that nothing will ever separate us from God's love. We know this good news through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached. The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and helps us rely on its promises today.

***Hymn AAHH #370**

All My Help Comes from the Lord

Call to Offering

Invitation to Offering

Organ Offertory

Allegretto

César Franck

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn GTG #366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***Benediction**

Postlude

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

arr. Wilbur Held

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff

Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist

Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director

Tammy Brown, Liturgist

* Please stand as you are able.

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Today's Anthem

God of all grace, Lord of all time and space, whose patience knows no length, give us peace, give us strength. God of all mystery, who can see into me, cleanse me of childish pride; help me recall why you died. Casting all our care on you seems a selfish thing to do. Yet you offer us your hand: We look up, there you stand. God of all grace, gather us in your embrace, God of all kindness, lead us past our blindness. Dominion and glory be yours forever more. Amen

370 ALL MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD

*My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:2*

Refrain All my help

All my help, all my help comes from the Lord.

All my help comes from the Lord.

All my help, all my help comes from the Lord, the

Lord. All my needs that I'm pos-sess - ing. All my

Lord. All my needs that I'm pos-sess - ing. All my

Lord.

help, all my help, all my help comes from the Lord, the Lord.

Verses

1. Fa - ther I stretch
2. When I am weak

1. Fa - ther I stretch, I stretch my hands to Thee.
2. When I am weak, when I'm weak He gives me strength.


I know that You
When I am lone - ly

I know that You, on-ly You, re-mem-ber me. When
When I am lone - ly He com-forts me.



oth - ers for-get, when oth-ers for-get and leave me a - lone,
When I am tired of the load that I am bear - ing,

I know that Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus will hear my groan.
He gives me cour-age, cour-age, cour-age to bear my share.



366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling




1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less





earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,





pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.