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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 Hank Beebe

Chancel Choir

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,

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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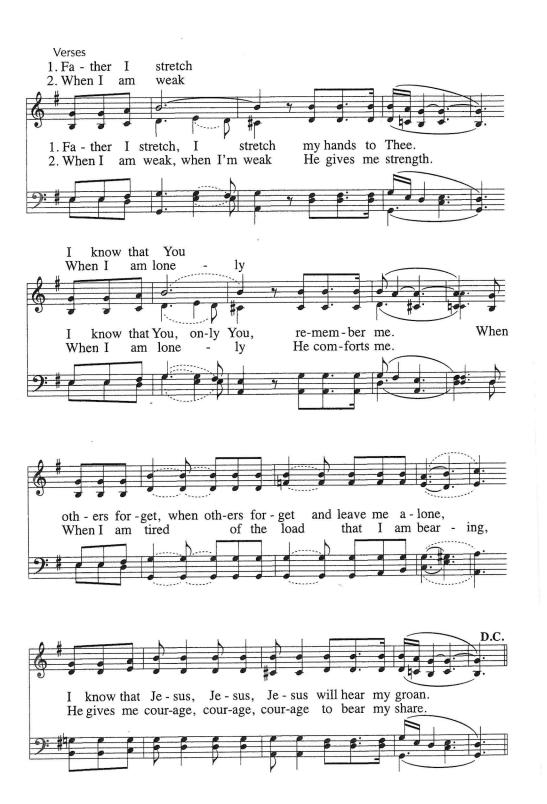
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Today's Anthem

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

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