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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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May 15, 2022

10:30 am

PRELUDE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

GATHERING PRAYER

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ
you make all things new.

Long ago you called your church
to a love beyond all social and cultural differences
and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit
to open their hearts to enact such love.

Give us that same spirit of openness,
that we too might discern new directions in our day
for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN: *O Sing to the Lord #637

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new,
let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy,
your command to love one another
across all differences
opens us to new horizons,
yet we often respond with fear and judgment
that hinders your goal for humanity.**

**Forgive our sins, we pray,
and give us a true repentance
that leads to life for all creation.**

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God's promises are trustworthy and true;
your sins are forgiven.

Be at peace to serve the Lord,
and may you always be known by your love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 148; John 13:31-35

SERMON "When We Have to Say Goodbye"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY *I'll Fly Away*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we give you thanks
for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us
in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection.
Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation.
May they be a testament to your love for us
as we share them in love for you;
through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

***HYMN:** *Lift High the Cross #826*

CHARGE

Jesus has loved us so that we may love others.
Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

BENEDICTION

We would like to thank Elder Marcia Buhl for sharing her gifts with us today.

Hymns

“O Sing to the Lord” #637

1. O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
2. For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
3. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
4. O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
5. For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

“Lift High the Cross” #826

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
(Refrain)
2. All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
(Refrain)
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 148

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for at his command they were created,

⁶ and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

⁸ lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,

⁹ you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,

¹⁰ wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,

¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,

¹² young men and women,
old men and children.

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

¹⁴ And he has raised up for his people a horn,
the praise of all his faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the LORD.

John 13:31-35

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”