

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30AM, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Asterisk (\*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.**

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b>“And Can it Be That I Should Gain”</b>	<b>UMH # 363</b>
	<b>“God Is So Good”</b>	<b>TFWS # 2056</b>

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      Responsive

The One who loves without distinction calls us here.

**From the highest heavens to the deepest ravine, let all creation praise the Lord.**

The One who loves us calls us into God's future.

**From the rising sun to the waning moon, let all creation praise the Lord.**

The One who loves us calls us still.

**From the new heaven and new earth, let all creation praise the Lord.**

*HYMN	"How Great Thou Art"	UMH # 77
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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**                      Apostles' Creed                      UMH # 881

**OPENING PRAYER**      Unison

**Wipe away our tears, O God, for we are weary of weeping at the injustices of the world. Love us like a mother, and protect us like a father, that we may live as your beloved children in a world made new. Dwell among us, we pray, that we may love one another as we were meant to love. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**      Unison

**Teach our hearts to love, O God, as you would have us love. Teach our eyes to see, Holy One, as you would have us see. For we are constantly**

**drawing distinctions, that separate others into friends and foes,  
insiders and outsiders. You would have us love without prejudice. You  
would have us accept without judgment. You would have us truly learn  
to love. Make your home among us, that we might be made one and  
whole. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The One who made heaven and earth dwells among us to bring us love and life. Let us Praise the Lord our God, for the One who loves us is faithful.

**Thanks be to God!**

## JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

## SCRIPTURE READING

### John 13:31-35 (NRSV)

**31** When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

**32** If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

**33** Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

**34** I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

**35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**MESSAGE**    **“Reflecting Divine Love: Just as I Have Loved You”**    **Rev. Dongkue Jee**

## RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN	"Jesu, Jesu"	UMH # 432
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THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH # 895

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY                      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”                      **UMH # 95**

\*PRAYER OF OFFERING                      Unison

**God of mystery, you promise us a life of blessedness, if we learn to love one another as you have first loved us. May the gifts we offer you today, be a sign of our commitment to see beyond our narrow perspective as we learn to love one another with your all embracing vision. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN                      “Jesus, Thine All Victorious Love”                      **UMH # 422**

\*BENEDICTION                      Responsive  
A new commandment sends us forth...

**We are called to love one another.**

A new vision guides our way...

**We are told to see God’s acceptance, even of the stranger.**

A new blessing leads us forward...

**We are called to be a blessing to the world.**

POSTLUDE                      “Just a Closer Walk With Thee”                      **TFWS # 2158**

\* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.  
\* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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