

PRELUDE, GATHERING, *My Jesus, I Love Thee* **172**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Ps 22:27-31* *paraphrase by DWH*

*Dominion belongs to the Lord;
Obedience to God precedes all other obligations.*

**To the ends of the earth it will be remembered;
all the families of the nations shall worship the Lord.**

*Our children will be devoted to the Lord.
Children of our grandchildren will learn about the Lord*

**They will proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
Letting everyone know what he has done.**

HYMN *O Worship the King, All-Glorious Above* **73**

PRAYER *Psalm 48:9-11* *paraphrase by DWH*

**Gathering here today, Holy God,
we meditate on your faithfulness;
we remember your love to all generations.**

**You are holy, righteous, and mighty to deliver.
So in our time together we celebrate you.**

**May we be attentive to your spirit guiding us,
so that we may become your faithful messengers,
and thus bring honor to your name. Amen**

FIRST LESSON Acts 8:26–40

GOSPEL John 15:1–8

EPISTLE 1 John 4:7–21 *pastor*

HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **384**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

*abbreviated from Tara Bulger
via Presbyterian Outlook*

**Gracious God, our hearts are restless
until they find their home in 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.
May our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone.**

{silent prayers}

John 15:3 alt from FotW

*We already have been cleansed
by the word that God has spoken.
In baptism God claimed us, joining us to Christ,
like branches grafted into a vine.
Trust the promise spoken by God:*

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!**

CHOIR *For the Beauty of the Earth* **92**

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

Gracious God, we pray that you accept these gifts
and use them for the coming of your kingdom
even at this volatile time in our world.
In gratitude for all we have and for your love for us,
it is a joy to bring these gifts, praying that
you will use them for your honor and glory. Amen.

HYMN *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go* **438**

PRAYER & SENDING *John 15, Acts 8, and 1 John 4* *DWH*
*Abide in Christ, the true vine, and be fruitful.
In the strength of the Spirit, go where the Lord directs,
and watch for opportunities to share the good news.
Remember that responding in love is always better
than trying to have a perfect textbook answer.
May the grace, hope, peace and love of God
our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
be with us all, now and forever.*

Amen

POSTLUDE *Where Charity and Love Prevail* **549**

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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

*As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary
Year B – Fifth Sunday of Easter; April 28, 2024*

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Scriptures

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

Psalms 22:25-31

John 15:1-8

Questions for Reflection: (John 15:7)

What is your deepest desire? Jesus says that “whatever you wish . . . it will be done for you”.

Spend time in the next days asking yourself at evermore profound levels what you most devoutly wish for in this life and the next. Then ask for it.

You may want to include Matthew 13:45-46 in your meditations (*parable of “the priceless pearl”*).

Morning Prayers:

God of all beginnings, you bring a new day,
and you promise to journey with me through the hours.
I thank you for the breath and strength I have,
and I beg your help that I may use my powers wisely
and with compassion toward everyone I meet.
Let my questions today be a form of pruning
to bring forth in me new understandings,
healing, and good fruit; in Jesus’ name. Amen

Evening Prayers:

Sweet Jesus, in this night of rest,
heal my broken places and restore my faith.
You are my vine; only in you am I strong enough
to face the darkness of this world.
I thank you for the safety of my home
and pray for those who have no bed tonight.
Make me grateful,
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Announcements & Notes

*ANY area where you have an interest & willingness to serve,
please let us know.*

More Calendar Notes

*Today, Heritage Sunday- Observed on the Third Sunday of May
(to correspond with Aldersgate Day, May 24), this day
calls The United Methodist Church to honor its heritage
by committing itself to the continuing call of God known
and spread by Charles and John Wesley, along with
others the early Methodist movement reached and with
whose denominations we are all joined as The United
Methodist Church.*

umcdiscipleship.org/resources/heritage-sunday

If there are other calendar notes, please email the pastor...

Prayer Concern Notes

***What NEW thing would you like to see
the church try to do during 2024?***