

# An Order for the Worship of God

Third Sunday of Easter May 5, 2019 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Paraments – White/Gold  
*\*Please stand as you are able.* Please remember to turn off cell phones and pagers.

## Gathering Music

### Invocation

Opening Voluntary *Aria* G. F. Handel

\*Call to Worship (8:30) Nicola Crisp (10:45) Ed Nanney

**Leader:** Out of a world of cut-throat competition,  
of winners-and-losers,  
and too many left behind,  
we come together.

**All:** **The world's ways are not our ways.**  
**The world's ways are not Christ's ways.**

**Leader:** Out of a world of hatred, violence,  
individualism, and life-taking power,  
we gather as *Koinonia*, as God's people.

**All:** **God's ways are inclusive, expansive,  
and life-giving for all peoples.**

**Leader:** Come and worship the One whose love knows no limits!  
Swim and splash  
in the cleansing waters of divine community!  
Resurrect your spirits and souls in worship of the One!

**All:** **Praise to the Everlasting One!**

\*Hymn (bulletin cover) *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

\*A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada (#883)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God,  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri (#70)

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:45)

(The children are invited to the Chancel steps for the Baptism.)

Charles Case Trautschold, son of Brian & Meredith Trautschold,  
will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Congregational Commendation and Pledge

**Pastor:** Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care,  
Charlie, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you

endeavor so to live that he may grow in the knowledge and love of God through  
our Savior Jesus Christ?

**People: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of  
Christ, that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established  
in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life  
eternal.**

Musical Response

*God Claims You*

Refrain  
Char - lie, Char - lie, God claims you, God  
helps you, pro - tects you, and loves you, too.  
We this day do all a - gree a  
We your fam - ily love you so, we  
child of God you'll al - ways be. *to Refrain*  
vow to help your faith to grow.

Ritual of Friendship

Dr. Linda I. McDaniel

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it along your pew.)

Receiving the Morning Tithes and Offerings

(Prayer request cards may also be placed in the offering plates.)

Anthem (8:30) *Peace Like a River* J. Raney  
Gaylord French and Sylvia Friedl, 4-hand piano

(10:45) *Gaelic Alleluia* *Puer Nobis* arr. C. Courtney  
The Chancel Choir; Gaylord French and Sylvia Friedl, 4-hand piano

Joy dawned again on Easter day, the sun rose out with fair array,  
when to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord. Alleluia.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess,  
that we may give thee all our days  
the willing tribute of our praise. Alleluia.

O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide;  
from every weapon death can wield  
thine own redeemed for ever shield. Alleluia.

O sons and daughters of the King, whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,  
today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!

(16<sup>th</sup> C Latin, trans. Charles Wesley)

\*Doxology

(The communion elements, the bread and juice, are presented at the altar.)

\*Hymn 177

*He Is Lord* (sing two times)

New Testament Lesson (please be seated) Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60

Sermon *God is On the Way Helping Us Forgive* Dr. C. Mark Gooden

Response to the Word

Dr. L. Clark Taylor

God of Creation,

You created all of us in Your image.

Yet we remember that throughout history

there are those who have distorted Your image,

seeking power for themselves

instead of submitting to Your power,

destroying relationships through violence, fear and oppression  
rather than seeking to build up relationships  
through love, peace and mercy.

We call on You, Creator of the Earth,  
to guide us into using the power You have given us  
to create, not to destroy;  
to love, not to hate;  
to build instead of tearing down;  
to reconcile instead of breaking apart;  
to seek restorative justice instead of revenge.

Guide our hearts and minds to remember  
that we are created in Your image  
to be creative beings in this world.

In the name of Jesus the Christ,  
who went to the cross instead of revenge,  
who walked this earth in peace instead of carrying weapons,  
and who in the resurrection comes and says "Peace be with you,"  
we pray that we might walk in His name. Amen.

\*Hymn 389 (st. 1)

*Freely, Freely*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

**Pastor:** Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**We celebrate your absolute and complete unfairness, God.**

**You do not give us what we deserve.**

**You answer our unfaithfulness with generosity.**

**You do not repay betrayal with vengeance.**

**You never stop loving when we give every reason for you to stop.**

**You give us every possible chance,**

**and then still more, to start again.**

**But our story doesn't end there.**

**You invite us into the life of faith**

**where your impossible grace becomes the standard for our living.**

**We ask your forgiveness,**

**and pray for your company**

**as we try the things we fear most we can't do:**

**In the silence,**

**we name the people it is impossible for us to forgive**

**and ask you to walk with us in the journey to grace.**

**We name the people we know we have no right to ask forgiveness of**

**and ask you to walk alongside them with your compassion.**

**We name the situations**

**that have no resolution that we can possibly imagine**

**and pray that will not stop us**

**from always choosing love.**

**Your ending is always**

**and only**

**love.**

**May we live to make that the world's ending too.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the Good News: We have not been faithful in all things.  
 But our God still welcomes us with patience and kindness.  
 Therefore, as people of God's promise, let us receive forgiveness,  
 embrace hope, and faithfully respond, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**All: Glory to to God! We are forgiven. We have hope.  
 We will respond. Amen.**

### Passing of the Peace

**Pastor:** As forgiven people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation and love.  
**To each other: Christ's peace be with you.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

### The Lord's Prayer

### Giving the Bread and Cup

(Gluten free bread is on the plates closest to the pulpit and lectern.)  
 (The communion offering is for our mission trip to Costa Rica.)

### Prayer after Communion (in unison)

**You have fed us, Lord, and we are grateful.  
 Allow us to respond this day, and in the days to come,  
 with hearts made ready,  
 eyes made open,  
 hands made strong,  
 and feet made willing  
 to do your will in this place,  
 and in all the places to which you call us. Amen.**

\*Hymn 390 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* TUNE: LAND OF REST

### \*Benediction and Response

**Voluntary** *Processional in G Major* John Stanley

### \*Congregation standing as they are able

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- Please check-in all children before they leave for Children's Worship. 
  - Childcare & Children's Worship available.
  - Large print hymnals are available from the ushers.
- 10:45 Service telecast on Channel 12, WDEF-TV, 6 & 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.

**Visitors please stop by the Visitors' Information Desk in the Narthex.**

### We are glad you are here!

Please register your attendance on the Ritual of Friendship pad and pass it to your neighbors so they can register also.

### Assisting in today's services:

**8:30 SERVICE** – Ushers: John Hughes, Ed Kern, Nick Nicholson, Ed Watt

Head Usher: David Hudson Greeters: Renee Hudson, Martha Payne

Nave Volunteers: Renee Hudson, Lynn & Pat Panter

**10:45 SERVICE** – Ushers: Mary Caldwell, Dave Houseman, Ann Keown, Joe Manuel,

Jack Rodman Head Usher: Scott Farley

Greeters: Rosemary Ault, Dave Houseman, Judy McCready, John & Laura Shearer

Nave Volunteers: Berry Family Acolytes: Sidney Kiner, Owen McDaniel

Banner: Ella Goodyear Crucifer: Campbell Cockerham

**PREACHING IN THE VINE:** Rev. Will Lauderback

### Commendation and Welcome – New Members

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to the First-Centenary congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

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**Reading from the Lectionary**  
 Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)  
 Psalm 30  
 Revelation 5:11-14;  
 John 21:1-9

For medical emergencies during worship services, contact the ushers. They will call 911. Defibrillator & Oxygen in see-through hallway cabinet near back of Sanctuary, where we hang our coats. 

### Welcome, Guests!

**We're glad you came. We would like to get to know you better.**

Please fill out the blue page in the Ritual of Friendship. The Ritual will be passed during the announcement time, or you can find it on the inside aisle end of your pew. You may leave the blue page in the Ritual folder or bring it to the Welcome Desk in the Narthex (back of the church). We'd like to give you some information about the church and a little gift.

May 5, 2019

8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

### Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."