

**Fifth Sunday of Easter • May 2, 2021 • 11:00am • Order of Worship**

Prelude - Partita on Awake My Heart With Gladness  
Brian Allred, organ

Flor Peeters

Welcome and Announcements

Kent Winters-Hazelton

Call to Worship

We have come to worship God, the living God  
**who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**  
We have come to praise God, the powerful God  
**who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.**  
We have come to worship God, the all-gracious God  
**who chooses even you and me to receive and carry the word of life and hope.**  
**All glory to God!**

Hymn No. 475 - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

- 1) Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!
- 2) Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3) O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn. We silence the cries of the oppressed and remain indifferent to calls for peace; we reject the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant, given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Christ is risen! Rise up and rejoice; be witnesses to the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we also are raised to new life.**

Turn your hearts toward Christ and receive this good news

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world! Alleluia! Amen!**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Dorissa Falk

First Reading

Psalms 22: 25-31

Second Reading

John 15:1-8

Sermon

“Bearing Fruit”

Megan McCarty

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem - Three Hymn Anthems: Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Ned Rorem

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

Hymn No. 559 - Holy, Holy, Holy

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.**

Breaking of Bread

Prayer of Thanksgiving following Communion

**Spirit of Life, God of all joy, we thank you for all that you have given us and all that you task us to do. Send us now with a blessing out into the world to share your love and embody your strength and justice. Amen.**

Hymn No. 300 - We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

- 1) We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
- 2) We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)
- 3) We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)
- 4) All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude - Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen Alzugleich

JS Bach

Brian Allred, organ

**HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

**This week, please include the following people in your daily prayers:** Shirley Wicklander, John Reed, Bobby Franklin, Dennis Robertson, George Carter, Leland Howard, Melissa Smith, Jan & Eugene Ward, Brian Houchin, Pam Phelps, Maryann Smith, and Kate Keller.

Condolences to Martha Ruth VanCleave and family on the death of William, who died on April 20th.