



## Order of Worship for 5/18/25

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**\* Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold**

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"Rise and Shine (Arky, Arky)"

PRELUDE

"Wondrous Grace"

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!**

OPENING FANFARE

"Suite: Movement 1 - Corelli"

Rev. TJ Shirley

OPENING 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.**

\*OPENING HYMN #264

When in Our Music God is Glorified

1 When in our music God is glorified,  
And adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried:  
Alleluia!

2 How often, making music, we have found  
A new dimension in the world of sound,  
As worship moved us to a more profound  
Alleluia!

3 So has the church, in liturgy and song,  
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue:  
Alleluia!

4 Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always:  
Alleluia! Amen.

#### \*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's name. Amen.**

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, **We are forgiven.**

#### \*HYMN #2026

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHANCEL & HANDBELL CHOIRS

"Bells in My Heart"

Composed by Arlo VandeVegte

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"Jesus Loves Me"

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

"Good-Bye"

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"One Day at a Time"

George Funk and Judy Rogosheske

HANDBELL CHOIR

"It's a Small World"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 148

"You Raise Me Up" - Brooke Shirley and Arlo VandeVegte

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Canon of Praise"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:31-35

HANDBELL CHOIR

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

"The Water is Wide" - Maggie Shirley

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Nothing But the Blood"

"Let Us Break Bread Together" - Rev. TJ Shirley

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967

**The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response, it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgment of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of all humankind's guilt before God and of their need for God's forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God's goodness to all humanity and in giving for the needs of others. Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of God's goodness, the healing of humanity's ills, and the deliverance from every form of oppression. The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help people to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of God's love.**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today - Dr. Jiwon Lee

HANDBELL CHOIR

"Give Me Jesus"

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"O Great God"

\*DOXOLOGY

To the tune of "All Creatures of our God and King"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Bugs 'N Honey Blues"

Arlo VandeVegte

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

O God of love, **Raise us to new life in Christ.**

## **SENT IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CLOSING HYMN #555

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms  
Hath blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God,  
Who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son  
And Spirit now be given.  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore,  
The God who was, and is,  
And shall be evermore.

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

“Come Make a Joyful Noise”

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*.

