

# Celebration of Worship

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

### Thought for Reflection

*“To this you are called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.”*

Titus 3:4-8

### God Invites Us to Worship

PRELUDE

*Assorted Hymns*

Jim Hoffman

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME & GREETING Jim Hoffman, Chair of PMF

INTROIT

*Sonata in C Major*

Jean-Baptiste Breval

Cello Duet: Chris & Kyle Hall

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalms 148*

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ANTHEM

*Come Drink of the Water*

Chapman/Heidenreich

Men's Choir

PRAYER OF THE DAY

\* Please stand, if you are able.

\* HYMN

*This Is My Father's World*

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WORDS FOR THE YOUNG & THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

Todd Fargo

Prayer

*Children and Youth are dismissed for Sunday School.*

### God Offers Grace

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Gracious God, Dresser of Vines, we confess that we have been more willing to consume the fruits of others than to bear fruit ourselves.**

**We have refused to give of ourselves when the harvest is uncertain.**

**We have not been fruitful because we have depended too much on ourselves and not enough on you.**

**Help us, God, to be channels for your grace, branches who feed on your life-giving Spirit, bearers of your word of love and joy; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsively)

Leader: God sent Jesus, not to judge us, but to save us. God accepts both our courage and our fears. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven!

**All: We dare to accept the gift of a new beginning right now!  
Amen**

EXTENDING THE RIGHT HAND OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR

\* HYMN

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

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### God Speaks Through the Word

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 11:1-18*

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Jay Petrino

GLORIA PATRI

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GOSPEL LESSON

*John 13:31-35*

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SERMON

*The Impossible Task of Loving...Everyone!*

Pastor Larry De Vuyst

AFFIRMATION

*The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

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front of hymnal

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

### We Respond to God's Love

BRINGING GOD OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Holy, Holy Holy*

arr. Sjolund

Men's Choir

DOXOLOGY (# 592) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Jay Petrino

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

### God Sends Us Out to Serve

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN

*Onward Christian Soldiers*

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\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*Once to Every Man and Nation*

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