

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 24, 2018

11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Psalm 95 & 100)

One: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All: O Come, let us sing to the Lord.**

One: God, you are holy always and forever!

You are the Eternal One from whom all things come.

**All: O Come, let us enter into this sacred space with thanks.**

One: God, we are your children, created by and with your love.

**All: O Come, let us enter into this sacred space with joy and delight. Amen.**

\*HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 89

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Where Children Belong"

(congregation sings)

***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.***

***Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong. This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

HYMN

"Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying" No. 2193 (sung twice)

UNISON PRAYER

**We confess to you, Gracious God,  
that too often we look on your law as a burden, not a gift;  
an inconvenience, not a blessing.  
Rather than seeing your love revealed,  
we feel our own guilt magnified.  
Instead of rejoicing in your good news,  
we focus on our own shortcomings.  
Turn us around, Redeemer,  
and do not let our fears have dominion over us.**

**Fill us with your love, so that our words and deeds may reflect your holy way and bring us joy. Amen.**

The Good News

In spite of our failings, God makes us a new people and forms us into Christ's Body. Our salvation comes as we walk together in Christ's way. Grace upon grace is poured out for this journey of joyful obedience. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Arise My Love and Come Away" Larry Winegar, vocalist

SCRIPTURE LESSON Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 8-12 (OT p. 436)  
Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Just 5 Words: Keys to a Great Spiritual Life  
The First Word—"O"

BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Hymn "We've A Story to Tell the Nations" No. 569 (vs 1, 2 & 3)

\*Doxology No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "Come, We That Love the Lord" No. 732 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.  
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

\*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.