

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 29, 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

One: Good morning, Church. What does the Lord require of us?

**All: To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: What does God command of us?

**All: To love God with all our heart, soul,
With all our mind, strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

One: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**All: But to presence, and abundance,
and grace in our struggle.**

One: So let us worship the God who believes in us,
and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**All: Let us worship the God who asks much of us,
but is beside us every step of the way.**

*HYMN

"O Worship The King"

No. 73

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" (sung processional)

***Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all, Healing pain and sickness, blessing
children small, Washing tired feet, and saving those who fall; Jesus' hands
were kind hands, doing good to all.***

(sung recessional)

***Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; Make them strong and gentle,
kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too, Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.***

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison)

**Again we return to you, Most Welcoming God.
Again and again we seek your face, searching
for Grace, for Wisdom, for Marching Orders.**

**Again we sit at your feet, learning
to love more often, more tangibly
to listen more carefully and speak more boldly.
Again and over again we share what we learn here, marveling
at the abundance of your life
at the wellspring of your imagination
at the hope that we find when we rest in you...**

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies; For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies' Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of the hour, of the day and of the night; Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light; Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child; Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given; Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n; Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

HEARING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 10: 25-37

(NT p. 71)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

Grounded Sermon Series: Part 3

SERMON

"Finding God in the World—Even in Your Neighborhood"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF TREASURE AND COMMITMENT

Offertory Hymn

"Who Is My Neighbor?"

(words below)

*Doxology

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN JOY

*HYMN OF SERVING

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

No. 664

*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"A Song of Parting"

David Angerman

*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.*

“Who Is My Neighbor?”

(Sung to the tune: “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”)

“Who is my neighbor?” A lawyer asked Jesus, to test him.

So Jesus told him a story to answer his question:

Lonely the way ...

Lonely the traveler one day ...

Robbers attacked him and left him.

First down the road came a priest who just chose to ignore him.

Next came a Levite who wouldn't do anything for him.

Then one despised,

Hated in everyone's eyes,

Knelt down to heal and restore him.

Tending the wounds of the man, the Samaritan labored.

He was the one with compassion, the one in God's favor.

Not by a creed

But by responding to need,

He proved to be the good neighbor.