

LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT
MAY 4, 2025 ☞ 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL OFFERTORY *I Come to the Garden Alone* – C. Austin Miles

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 19

One: God's glorious creativity is on display in the skies above.

Many: Sun and moon and stars and clouds and wind declare God's love.

One: Each day has much to say, and every night reveals its wisdom.

Many: No words are heard, no voices recorded, only pregnant silence.

One: Yet the music of God's creation fills the earth.

Many: God's love song is an unspoken truth that is spoken everywhere.

* OPENING HYMN *The Strife is O'er* #221

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION based on "A Native Hill," Wendell Berry

One: Generous Creator, we have lived by the assumption that what was good for us would be good for the world, and the even flimsier assumption that we could know with certainty what was good for us.

Many: We have been wrong. We must change our lives to live by the contrary assumption that what is good for the world will be good for us...

(silent prayer)

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

* **PASSING THE PEACE** The Peace of Christ be with you: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE John 21:12

* HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* #56, vv. 1-3

GOSPEL READING *John 21: 1 – 14* Pew Bible, NT, p. 115

SERMON *Creation's Renewed Abundance* Pastor Benjamin

PIANO INTERLUDE *Victory* – Giovanni P.S. da Palestina

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Muriel Weaver

CHORAL OFFERTORY

Wandering Soul

– John Denver

* DOXOLOGY

Tune: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here
below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator,
Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER PRACTICE

What We Need Is Here

– Wendell Berry

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invite / Bless / Break & Pour / Share

COMMUNION CHANTS

Taizé Community

**1. Our darkness is never darkness in Your sight.
The deepest night is clear as the daylight.**

**2. Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord.
Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ending with *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin'dom come...

* CLOSING HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises

#230

* BENEDICTION

PIANO POSTLUDE

Noël Nouvelet

French carol

*Following worship, all are invited to Kinship Time in Fellowship Hall and,
when bell rings, to Faith Formation Hour.*



WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers Joanne Matson (Lead),
Terri Harper & Victoria Mayster
Piano J. Althea
Liturgist Muriel Weaver
Preacher Rev. Benjamin Broadbent
Worship Music Chancel Choir
Choir Director Andy DelMonte
Communion Servers Gregg Yaylian & Sohni Yaylian
Tech Team Eliana Curtis & Elia DelMonte
Flowers Andrea Card

STAFF TEAM

Lead Minister Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent
Associate Minister Open
Congregational Administrator Joy Richards
Choral Director Andy DelMonte
Keyboardist J. Althea
Handbell Director Karna Roa
Bookkeeper Deanna Euritt
Custodian Keith Brown
Nursery Attendants Kelli Clark, Ellie Green,
Monica Plisskin & Amber Romandy



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teaching the message of Jesus to all ages and putting our faith into action.

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