



Sunday, May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Lord's Day

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The Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music

William Bradbury
arr. David Paxton

Jesus Loves Me
Marcia Harris, organ

As the candles are lighted, we celebrate the presence of Christ, who is the Light.

The Passing of the Peace

The Pastoral Prayer

Matt Johnson

The Gospel Lesson

Raquel Cox-Tennal

John 15:1-8; NRSV

One: The Good News offered for all.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Hymn of Praise, No. 310

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our father, Christ, our brother -- all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, bringing all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

The Epistle Reading

Matt Johnson

1 John 4:7-21; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Matt Johnson

What Does Love Mean?

Love Means... Serving

The Celebration of Holy Communion

The Offertory Prayer

Penny Ginn

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music

from *Southern Harmony*

arr. Joshua Cheney

Come, We That Love the Lord

Fernwood Ringers

The Doxology

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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.

The Hymn of Response, No. 603

CHINA

Jesus Loves Me

1. Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves, me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! this I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves, me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

3. Jesus loves me still today, walking with me all the way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves, me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

4. Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
if I love him when I die, he will take me home on high.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves, me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

The Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Traditional American Melody
arr. Matt Limbaugh

O How I Love Jesus
Marcia Harris, piano

As we prepare for service, the Light of Christ goes out before us.

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