



# Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

5th Sunday of Easter  
May 19, 2019

† Those who are able, please stand

## Westminster Peal

Prelude

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

Donna Hester, Guest Organist  
arr. Michael Larkin

## GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Susan Haynes

Choral Introit

*"Let the Whole Creation Cry"*

Jakob Hintze (1622-1702)

† Gathering as the Children of God (adapted from Psalm 148)

One: Praise God from the heavens!

**All: Praise God from the skies above!**

One: Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!

**All: Praise God, sun and moon, and shining stars!**

One: Praise God, all creatures great and small,

**All: Praise God, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!**

One: Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere,

**All: Praise God, all God's people!**

One: Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord, at whose word creation came into being.

**All: We gather to praise and worship our God!**

† Hymn No. 274

*"O God of Earth and Space"*

LEONI

† Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Jeanne Mielke

*God of mercy,  
your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons,  
yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity.*

*Forgive our sins, we pray,  
and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

† Assurance of Pardon

Jeanne Mielke

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

† Response (#118, v2)

*"The Day of Resurrection!"*

*Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal, Of resurrection light  
And, listening to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.*

† Passing of the Peace

Jeanne Mielke

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

### THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Small

Anthem

*"Be Still My Soul"*

Craig Courtney

Epistle Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

*"Hindering God"*

Rev. Haynes

† Affirmation of Faith from The Heidelberg Catechism – sections 4.001 and 4.002

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: *That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.*

*He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.*

*Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

One: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

All: *Three things:*

*first, how great my sin and misery are;*

*second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;*

*third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.*

† Hymn No. 289

*"O God of Every Nation"*

LLANGLOFFAN

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Small

## THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

### Offering

Offertory

*"Prelude in C," BWV 553*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

### † Doxology (#592)

*"Old Hundredth"*

*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 Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Elizabeth Small

*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## SENDING

### † Closing Hymn No. 439

*"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

ST. PETER

### † Benediction

Rev. Haynes

### † Congregational Response (#538, v2)

*"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"*

*Thanks we give and adoration For Thy gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, Ever faithful to the truth may we be found.*

### † Postlude

*"Fanfare"*

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

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## In Memoriam

*Tom Hughes*

*December 10, 1939 - May 14, 2019*



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