



A joyful church, guided by God, loving our neighbors.

5th Sunday of Easter/Virtual Service
 Sunday, 2 May 2021

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Surely the Presence

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

PRELUDE

Prelude on Truro - Mary McDonald

Theresa Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Psalm 22

One: From you, O God, comes my praise in the great congregation.

All: My vows I will pay before those who fear the Lord.

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

All: And all the families of the nations shall worship you, O God, our Lord and our Redeemer.

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER: Ruler of the nations, you have dominion over all the earth. We praise your name and bow down before you. You bring pride to the humble and cause the boastful to be brought low. The afflicted find hope through your mercy; the comfortable you challenge and chasten. As your wisdom led our fathers and mothers throughout the ages, make us receptive to the testimony of your love, for we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #245

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

LLANFAIR

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say:

Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION:

One: Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God

All: If we love one another, God abides in us.

One: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent Jesus Christ into the world.

All: If we love one another, God abides in us.

One: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent Jesus to be expiation for our sins.

All: If we love one another, God abides in us.

One: Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

All: If we love one another, God abides in us and God's love is perfected in us.

GLORIA PATRI #581: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

GIFT OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT TEXT:

Luke 13:31-35

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

I am the True Vine

Peter Aston

I am the true vine, and my Father the husbandman.

Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it that it may bring more fruit.

I am the vine, I am the vine, ye are the branches.

He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit.

Herein is my Father glorified. that ye bear much fruit, that ye bear much fruit;

So shall ye be my disciples.

As the Father hath loved me, so I have loved you: continue ye, continue ye in my love.

This is my my commandment, That ye love one another as I have loved you.

SERMON

"A Season of Lament"

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN #248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning.

See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion.

Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus:

"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

New Prayer Concerns:

- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Denise Bien**, Health concerns
- **Darryl Davis**, health concerns, brother of Diana Hargrave
- **Dorothy Fisher**, Health concerns
- **Jen Hargrave**, daughter of Diana, sister of Wes, health concerns
- **Sue Imm**, Health concerns
- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns, hospitalized
- **Glenn Montague**, Health concerns

- **Passing of Katie Russo**, mother of Diane Russo, grandmother of Garrison Jennings (*Russo's Ravioli*)
- **Tom Wise**, Health concerns

Serving in the Armed Forces:

- **Zachary Huffman**, Friend of Barb Imm
- **Brian Montague**, grandson of Glenn Montague

Mission Coworkers:

- **McGill Family**, back in the United States

****Please notify the church office of any prayer requests you may have including those of you who have loved ones in the Armed Forces or in Mission.**

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Month of May: 1 Nancy Wickemeyer, 3 Lauren Maynus, 6 Mary Overman, 7 Greg Reece, 12 Elizabeth Horn, 15 Richard Kapfer, 16 Richard Overman, 17 Phyllis Marshall, 19 Harold Marshall