

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Offertory Prayer for Tithes Received

Leader: In response to the overwhelming love of God, let us give with generosity that tugs at our hearts. Let our giving provide grace to those who have forgotten what grace feels like.

People: Let our giving deliver joy to those who have forgotten what it is to walk with a lightness of heart.

All: We give our gifts in celebration and thanksgiving for the God of love who knows us – and loves us still. Amen.

***Doxology** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* Hymn#706
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.

SENDING

***Hymn** *“Blest Be the Tie”* Hymn #267

*Benediction

***Response** *“May the Grace of Our Lord Jesus”* Hymn #518
May the grace of our Lord Jesus, and the blessed love of God, the communion of the Spirit, richly bless and keep you all.

Postlude *“Prelude in F/Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”* Bach/Hayden
(time of silence to prepare ourselves for going out into the world)

Prayer Concerns: Ilona Beczo; Chad Brown, son of Sharon Brown, prayers that medication will stabilize MS; Jean Brown, broken hip; Bill Conner, health concerns; Joe Dablock, cancer; Tisha Duran, Leukemia & chemo, friend of Jim & Barb Watkins; Betty Ellis, recovery from shoulder surgery; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Julie Olson, radiation treatment for cancer; Vivian Sackhoff, mother of Jeff Sackhoff had severe stroke on May 1st, at Baptist Hospital, praying for full recovery; Jodie Stone, cancer; Phil and Cheryl White, father of Nancy Davis’ daughter-in-law with heart trouble; Jeff and Jenny Whitehead, friends of Joe and Sue Dablock.



By Grace Alone By Faith Alone By Scripture Alone

In Christ Alone Glory to God Alone



Fifth Sunday of Easter — May 15, 2022

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May 15, 2022—10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”* Hymn #194
**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven join to say,
Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and
earth, reply, Alleluia!**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Largo/Be Thou My Vision”* G. E. Handel/Allen
(time of silence to prepare ourselves for worship)

*Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God from the heavens, shout God’s praise from the mountaintops!

People: Praise the Lord, sun and moon. Praise God, you shining stars! All of creation praises it’s creator!

Leader: Kings and rulers of the earth, praise the Lord! Women and men, young and old praise the Lord.

People: Let everything and everyone praise the Lord. Let us exult God’s name together. Praise the Lord!

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* Hymn #281

CLEANSING

*Prayer of Confession

Holy and sovereign God, your new command for us is to love one another with the love of Christ. We confess that we often fall short of fulfilling this mission. We respond to one another with anger and impatience, fear and suspicion, and hatred rather than with love. Instead, your love has the power to tear down walls of division, mistrust and misunderstanding. Your love summons us to forgiveness, peacemaking, and reconciliation. Forgive us when we fail to be the disciples Jesus challenged us to be. May we so experience the power of your transforming love in our own lives that we will reach out to others to share it with them. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri** Hymn # 704
**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.**

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Heavenly Father, as we open your Word today, we ask you to open our hearts and minds to the message of love you are speaking to us today. Let us see your words in a new light and may our heart’s desire be to follow in obedience. Above all, let us see you more clearly and respond with the worship you so greatly deserve. Thank you for meeting us in this place. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 19: 13-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Moment

Terry Simm

Special Music

“Trust and Obey”
Eleanor Whisenhunt

Sammis

Recognition of Graduate

Zeke Whisenhunt

*Hymn

“Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

Hymn #440

*Gospel Reading

John 13: 31-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Our Identifying Mark”

John 13; 34

Prayers of the People with The Lord’s Prayer

*Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostle’s Creed”