The Worship of God

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 19, 2019

I am making all things new again.
– Revelation 21:5

Gathering at God’s Invitation

Music for Gathering
Marietta Mobley, piano

Christ Candle
Taylor Kirkman

Opening Sentences
Rev. Alan Sherouse

†Congregational Refrain
Chereponi

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord from the heavens and in the heights!**

Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**Let them praise the name of the Lord, for the Lord commanded and they were created.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for this name alone is exalted;

**Praise the Lord!**

—from Psalm 148

†Hymn of Praise 695  
McKee  
*In Christ There Is No East or West*

†Words of Friendship  
Rev. Willis

**Congregational Refrain**  
Chereponi  
*Congregation: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.  
Choir: Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are near us and far away*

During the refrain, all children may join Christina at the chancel. Parents are welcome to accompany children.

A Time for Children  
Christina McCord
Hearing God’s Word

Opening of God’s Word  
Jack Sherouse

Congregational Refrain  
Chereponi
Congregation: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Choir: These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love, all these are neighbors to us and you.

Scripture Lesson  
Rev. Grizzle Kane
Revelation 21:1-5a

Sermon  
Dr. Steve Sumerel
What’s New?

Responding to God’s Word

†Hymn of Response  
They’ll Know We Are Christians
We Are One in the Spirit

Lord. We are one in the hand. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand. And all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only___

Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be renewed, and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our Son. And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us___
Affirmation of Leadership Nominees
Matt Messick, Moderator
Kelly Cornett, Nominating Committee

Offertory Prayer

Choral Offering
Choral Reflection on Amazing Grace
Lorie Rainey, Soloist
Tony Sanders, Accompanist

Sending into God’s World

Recognition
Rev. Sherouse

†Benediction
Rev. Sumerel

††Congregational Refrain
Congregation: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Choir: Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you.

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Organ Dismissal
Toccata and Fugue in D Minor
J. S. Bach

Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. Steve and Marie Sumerel by Alan and Jenny Sherouse.