April 28th, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: What Wondrous Love Is This

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Gather Us In #2236

SILENT PRAYER

CHOIR INTROIT: Come, Let Us Dream

*HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth #92 (vs 1-4)

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us sit together; we shall study the Word.

P: Together, we shall read and understand.

L: Come, let us walk together; the way will be made more apparent.

A: Together, we shall risk and behold: We shall be changed.

L: God's love is for you and all people everywhere.

P: We may share God's love and life and be renewed through the Spirit of the Risen Christ. Amen

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Shake us up, O God, and move us so we might enjoy being part of your gospel. Nothing holds you back; no one anywhere is held back from your loving embrace. Enable us to see anyone who may think your message is not addressed to them. Please help us engage with you and in your mission to the ends of the earth. So that the world may know the good news: God says to everyone, *Come*. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40 John 15:1-8

*HYMN: I Need Thee Every Hour

#397 (vs 1-4)

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#95

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN: To God Be the Glory

#98 (vs 1, 3)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Great is the Lord

CHOIR ANTHEM: "A Place at the Table"