

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE:** Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus #526

**SILENT PRAYER**

**CHOIR INTROIT:** *Gentle Shepherd*

**\*HYMN:** The Summons #2130

***CENTERING FOR WORSHIP***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome to the community of faith, the family of God!

**P: We come as families, large and small in number, seeking God's love.**

L: God's love is here for you.

**P: Help us to understand how we are connected to God.**

L: We abide in Christ Jesus, in love and compassion.

**P: May our spirits be renewed and our connection to God be strengthened through our worship today. Amen!**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Loving, creative God, we praise and bless you for your mighty acts of creation. As we gather here this day, we hear your message of power and love through the witness of Jesus Christ as he prepared his disciples for his departure. He encouraged them to live in your love and, through that love, be witnesses to the whole world of your peace and hope. Be with us this day. Open our hearts and minds to receive your word. Amen.

**ANTHEM:** *This Cup of Grace*

***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 10:44-48

John 15:9-17

**\*HYMN:** Blest Be the Ties That Bind #557 (vs 1-3)

**THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED**

Pastor Joel Holcomb

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD***

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

**COMMUNION** (See pg. 15 Hymnal – Table III)

**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:** Blessed Assurance

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Shout to the Lord

*\*Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

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