

** Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE

A May Day Medley

WELCOME to ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

In The Bulb There Is A Flower

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We look ahead and God beckons us

All: We turn to each side and see God as our constant companion.

One: We look up and feel the presence of our Holy Comforter

All: Step by step, on every journey, along each path, God is with us.

LET US PREPARE

*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

R251

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

Holy Creator of all that is, we thank You for Your presence deeply embedded in our lives, and for entering our lives fully in Your human face of Jesus Christ. You know our uneasiness with the claims that faith makes upon our lives, for we are in some ways like Thomas after the first Easter. We are thankful that You have not abandoned us and that Your Spirit continues to sustain and comfort us in our daily lives. Encourage us to live the purpose we find and guide us to seek Your presence yet undiscovered. We are thankful for the bonds of love and faith, which connect us with other seekers in Your world as we live in this family of faith. We ask this in the name of the risen Christ, who taught us to pray together, saying, "Our Father..."

LET US LISTEN

READING

Luke 24: 13-35

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

R160

REFLECTION

On Recognizing Christ

ANTHEM

Now Is The Month of Maying

T.Morley

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

Medima

Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.

L: Let the people say ...

P: Amen and Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Wild Mountain Thyme

trad.

*DOXOLOGY

B778 (tune: B780: Bourgeois, 1551)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION (Unison)

Generous and loving God.. we return to You only a small portion of what You have given us. Use these gifts to bring peace into your world where there is so much strife and loss. May these gifts from our hands reach those who are in need .. those who are in pain .. those who may be suffering. And may Your vision of a world of peace, love, and justice become a reality.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (please see insert)

LET US GO FORTH

*HYMN	<i>Christ for the World We Sing</i>	R295
*BENEDICTION		
*AMEN (sevenfold)		R594
POSTLUDE	<i>Country Life</i>	trad.

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Ministers:	The People
Guest Preacher:	Paul Hanna
Minister of Music:	Gene Faxon
Guest Musician:	Margaret Hawthorn
Worship Leader:	Marcia Breckenridge
Greeter:	Ben Wheeler
Ushers:	Sharon Epple and Carol Schaab
Setup:	Lisa Giragosian and Jim Rothnie

Please join us in the Parish House immediately following worship for coffee and birthday Sunday

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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