

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 3rd, 2015

5th Sunday of Easter

Order of Morning Worship

11:00 am

## Prelude and Chimes

## Procession

## Welcome and Prayer of the Day

### Preparation for the Word

#### The Call to Worship (Psalm 22:25-31)

Leader: My praise is of God in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the LORD.

**People:** *The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall give praise: "May your heart live forever!"*

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God, and all the families of the nations shall bow before the LORD.

**People:** *For sovereignty belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.*

Leader: To the LORD alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before the LORD.

**People:** *My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve the LORD; they shall be known as the LORD's forever.*

**All:** *They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that God has done.*

•Hymn 142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" CORONATION

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

*Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.*

*Moment of Silent Confession*

Kyrie 572 "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## Assurance of Pardon

(Respond with Alleluia, Amen!)

•Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106 (refrain)  
*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.*

## •The Peace

Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!

**People:** *And also with you.*

## • Gloria Patri

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### Proclamation of the Word

#### Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture** Acts 8:26-40 (page 117)  
I John 4:7-21 (page 220)  
John 15:1-8 (pages 101-102)

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

#### Children's Sermon

**Anthem** "Let's Have Some Old Time Religion" Adult Choir

**Sermon** "Abiding Love" Rev. J. David Shearer

### Response to the Word

•Apostles' Creed (Traditional) page 14

•Hymn 527 "Near to the Heart of God" MC AFEE

### Announcements/Joys & Concerns

### Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Amen #583 - *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

### The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

#### Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

•Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response "Song of Simeon" #603 (verse 1)  
Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,  
Your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,  
This child so long foretold.

## Postlude

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