

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 19th, 2019

5th Sunday of Easter

Graduate Recognition Sunday

11:00 am

***Please feel free to stand as you are able.*

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

GATHERING**Ringling of the Bell****Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes****Welcome & Announcements** *(please pass the friendship pad)*****Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with us all.

People: *And also with you.***Gathering Song** *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

*Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Chris-tian love:
The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds
Is like to that a-bove.*

Prelude**WE APPROACH GOD******Call to Worship**Leader: Come, praise the eternal God! All you in the heavens,
angels above**All:** *praise God!*

Leader: Sun, moon, and stars in the sky

All: *praise God!*

Leader: Lighting and thunder, snow and rain

All: *praise God!*

Leader: Mountains and hills, desert and prairie

All: *praise God!*

Leader: Animals and cattle, tiny creatures and flying birds,

All: *praise God!*

Leader: Fruit trees and cedars, flowers and weeds

All: *praise God!*

Leader: Kings and presidents, prime ministers and judges

All: *praise God!*

Leader: Men and women, young and old

All: *praise God!*

Leader: Let them all praise the name of God!

All: *For God's name stands alone, above all others; God's
glory shines over earth and heaven.*

Leader: Let's worship God together!

****Hymn of Adoration 17***"Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!" (verses 1-3)*****Prayer of Adoration****Preparation for Confession**

Eli English

Hymn of Preparation 735 *"I Need Thee Every Hour" (verse 1)*

*I need thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine
can peace afford.*

Refrain

*I need thee, O I need thee,
every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior—
I come to thee!*

Call to Confession**Prayer of Confession***(Rev. Doug Hagler)*

*God of the clean and the unclean, we too easily think we can see from
your point of view. We exclude, hold grudges and nurse disrespect,
all the while hiding ourselves for fear we too would be found want-
ing. We think we are justified because we are made holy by your love,
and we assume holiness means more like us. We forget, or never real-
ly knew, that all you touch is holy, and that you created all that is. So
when we exclude, we exclude you. When we show disrespect, we dis-
respect you. When we hold grudges, we hate you. Forgive us...*

Silent Confession**Assurance of Forgiveness**Pastor: Wherever you are, the mercy of Christ is with you. You
are beloved, forgiven!**People:** *Hallelujah, Praise God!*****Celebration of God's Grace***"Hallelujah"*

*Your love is a-maz-ing, stead-y and un-chang-ing.
Your love is a moun-tain, firm be-neath my feet.
Your love is a mys-t'ry, how You gent-ly lift me.
When I am sur-round-ed Your love car-ries me.*

*Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah,
Your love makes me sing.*

*Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah,
Your love makes me sing.*

*Your love is sur-pris-ing, I can feel it ris-ing,
all the joy that's grow-ing deep in-side of me.
Ev-'ry time I see You all Your good-ness shines through.
I can feel this God song ris-ing up in me.*

*Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah,
Your love makes me sing.*

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Your love makes me sing.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**Call to the Young People****Honoring the Bethel Graduates** *"Oh, The Places You Will Go"**Cameron "Moose" Lee (Riverheads High School)**Jennifer Callison (Virginia Tech)**Dow "Cole" Leonard (Virginia Tech)**Michaela Miller (University of Mary Washington)***Prayer of Illumination****Anthem***"Shall We Gather At The River"*

Sanctuary Choir

Epistle Reading: Acts 11:1-20

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Message

“An Unexpected Change”
Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

****Hymn of Reflection 288** *“Spirit of the Living God” (sing twice)*

Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer *“Amen”*

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Invitation to Share

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

****Doxology 606**

****Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

****Hymn of Sending 545** *“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”*

****Charge and Benediction**

****Congregational Response 17**
“Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!” (verse 4)

**** Postlude**

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