

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

May 5th, 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter

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: . . . the peace of Christ is with you!

**People:** *The peace of Christ is with you always.***Gathering Hymn** "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**

Pastor: Lord, we come before you in joy, clothed in the majesty of your glory.

**People:** *We come to sing your praises.*

Pastor: Like the faithful of old, we proclaim Jesus Christ to be worthy of all blessing, honor, and glory.

**People:** *You are my God forevermore.***\*\*Hymn of Adoration 805****\*\*Prayer of Adoration****Preparation for Confession****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** *(responsive)*

Pastor: God of Forgiveness, hear now as we confess...

**People:** *Our greed and our desire for control create enemies where we should find friends.*

Pastor: We fail to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beat down by the burdens of life.

**People:** *We are as blind and willful as Saul to the pain and the destruction of our wrongdoings and our well-meaning crusades.*

Pastor: Forgive us, merciful One. Give us sight to see with your eyes, that we may bring hope, peace, and love to our world.

**Silent Confession****Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: The Lord forgives our shortcomings and sends deliverance through Christ, just as the Lord forgave Saul and used him to spread the gospel.

**People:** *Hallelujah, thanks be to 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.*

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*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.*

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**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD****Call to the Young People****Conversation with the Young People**

Eli English

**Prayer of Illumination****Epistle Reading: Acts 9:1-20**

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

*"An Unlikely Friendship"*  
Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD****\*\*Hymn of Reflection 649** *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"***Invitation to Share****Reception of Tithes & Offerings**

**\*\*Doxology 606**

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table, Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer**

**Pastor:** As we come to the table of God’s heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another and with the risen Christ.

**People:** *We come, ready to partake of bread and cup; ready to commune with one another and with the living God.*

*“Amen”*

*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

**Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup**

**Communion**

**Special Music** *“Do This and Remember Me”*  
Sanctuary Choir

**Prayer after Communion**

**SENDING**

**\*\*Hymn of Sending 465** *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

**\*\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*\*Congregational Response** *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

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**\*\* Postlude**

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*May 5th*  
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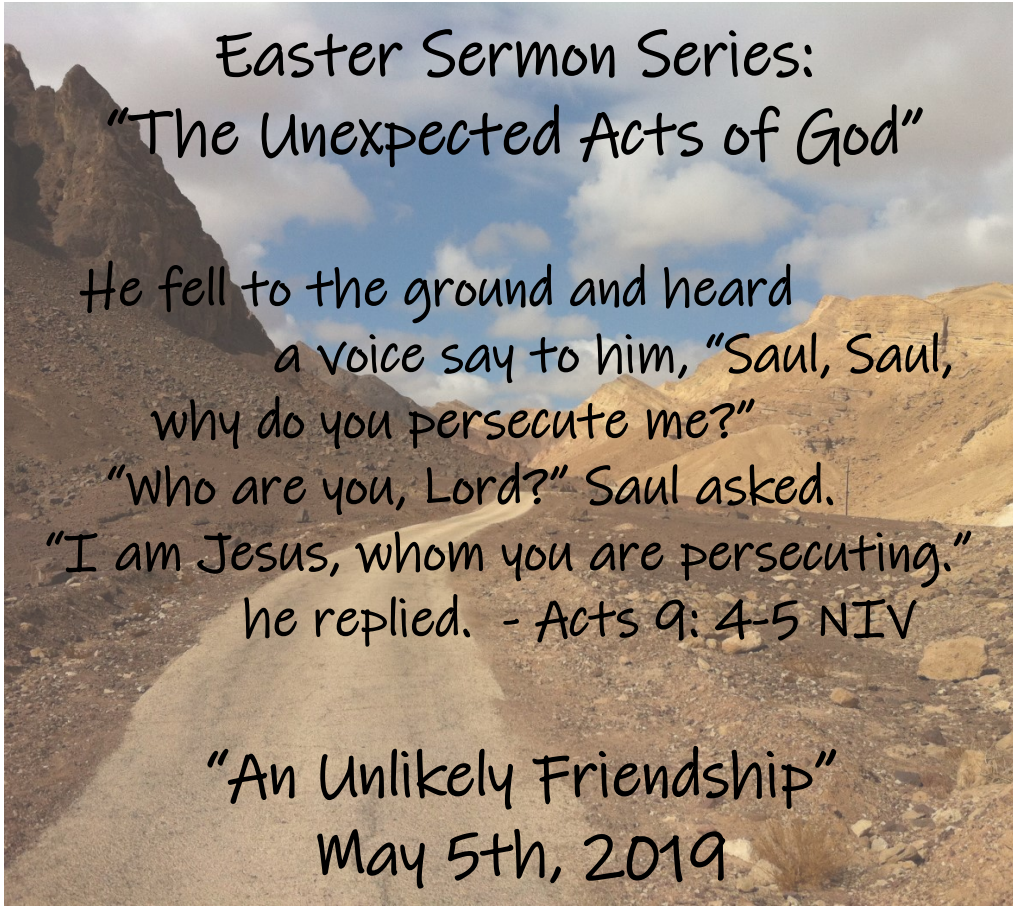
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