

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 5/10 8:15AM WORSHIP
9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30AM YOUNG AT HEART
10:45AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, 5/11 6:00PM PRAYER GROUP
7:00PM BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY, 5/12 7:00PM MEN'S GROUP

WEDNESDAY, 5/13 7:00 COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 5/14 NOON BIBLE STUDY
6:00PM WORSHIP AND MUSIC MEETING
7:00PM CHOIR

FRIDAY, 5/15

SATURDAY, 5/16

SUNDAY, 5/17 8:15AM WORSHIP
9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL—**LAST ONE UNTIL THE FALL**
10:45AM WORSHIP WITH ASL INTERPRETER

Council has approved the Property Committee proposal to develop the [best use of storage spaces and closets](#) in our church building.

Anyone involved in the many activities here are welcome to give their input of ideas for organization or their time and energy for cleaning and sorting.

Interested in helping? contact Anne Coiner: 724 433-2029.

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Welcome Members and Visitors today!



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God. On this Mother's Day, I hold close the memory of my mom and the love she gave so freely. Though I miss her deeply, I am grateful for the many ways her kindness, strength, and faith continue to live on in my life. I also want to honor all of the mothers in my life and in our church family. Your love, prayers, encouragement, and quiet sacrifices mean so much, and your presence is a true blessing to so many. May God surround each of you with his peace and fill your hearts with joy on this special day. Happy Mother's Day. *Jennifer Morgan*

MAY Community Meal... Monday, May 18
Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM.

Our next **Dinner Church** will be Sunday, June 7...
service at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00.

Come and Serve at Hope Ministries of McKeesport

Hope Ministries of McKeesport is a nonprofit that provides meals, a food pantry and outreach assistance to our neighbors in the McKeesport area. We are putting together a team of volunteers to serve and clean up for the Thursday May 28th meal from 2:00 to 5:30pm.

We would love to have you join the work we are doing. If interested, please call Jerry at 412-638-8415.

Julie and Jerry Kuhn

Graduate Recognition... will be held on May 31st.

Any graduates from High School or college, please let the office know at office@htlc.church

Office Hours May - August....

the Church Office will be **closed on Fridays** May through August.

Bible Studies.....

Monday night Bible Study meets at 7:00PM.

Thursday Noon Bible Study continues weekly.

NEW: Bible 101.....will meet in person on June 4 and continue the first Thursday of the month at 6:00.

In between the in person study, Bible 101 will be on Facebook Live on Wednesdays and then put on You Tube later in the week.

Bible 101 will explore: what is the Bible, how is the Bible put together, how can we best read it and apply it to our lives.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP		
	8:15	10:45
Assisting Ministers	Maria Clark	Joe Thomas
Communion Assistants	Debbie Gilkey Glenda Wendling	Mike Stark Eric Walt
Lectors	Tracy McNelly	Bob Cessna
Acolytes	Jaden Brittingham Kennedy Copeman	Ty Cessna
Greeters		Susan Richardson Chris Richardson
Livestream		open

Altar Guild	Set-up Saturday, May 9		Kim Rogers and Bob Billstone
	Sun., May 10	8:15	Rochelle Belak
		10:45	Kim Rogers and Bob Billstone
	Set-up Saturday, May 16		Nancy and Doug Woodring
	Sun., May 17	8:15	Vicki and Doug Hillier
		10:45	Nancy and Doug Woodring

Food Pantry 2026 Dates: June 13, August 15, October 17 (Thanksgiving), December 12 (Christmas)

Items needed currently, special requests:
 Drink mix/lemonade mix Granola bars/cereal bars
 Microwave popcorn Barbecue sauce Laundry detergent

Items always requested:
 Mac & cheese/pasta Applesauce Baked beans Canned fruit
 Canned tuna Cereal Granola bars Pasta Sauce
 Oatmeal Paper Towels Peanut butter & Jelly
 Potato/rice mix Pudding Cups Toilet Paper
 Peanut Butter and Cheese Crackers Cake/muffin/brownie mix
 Chef Boyardee Canned Vegetables

Thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" on an envelope. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comcast.net

Worship Plan for Sunday, May 10, 2026

6 Easter

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Introduction to the day

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** **Pastor**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb you have given us the sure sign of your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew our whole creation.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

Merciful God,

We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear.

We continue to cling to selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new.

Forgive our lack of faith.

Have mercy on our weakness.

Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever. Amen.

Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for he has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you; he has risen to change us all and bind us together now.

Christ has risen to forgive us.

Thanks be to God.

***GATHERING SONG** *Come, Thou Almighty King* #408

Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

***GREETING Pastor**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

FESTIVAL CANTICLE: WORTHY IS CHRIST

Richard Hillert

Refrain




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le -




lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. lu - ia.

Verses



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. "Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



1. blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
2. hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
3. join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. (to Vs 4)
4. God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men."
5. gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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***LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY**

Pastor: All who gather here are sons or daughters.

All: We thank God for the women who gave us life.

Asst Min: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

All: We pray for peace.

Asst Min: For mothers who have died, whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

All: We pray for those that mourn, and thank God for life eternal.

Asst Min: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

All: We weep with those with broken hearts.

Asst Min: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

P: For the mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, sisters, and daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life.

All: We give God thanks and praise.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** Pastor

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, in your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all

things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of
rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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***GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

The holy gospel according to John.



In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Come Down, O Love Divine* #804

Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

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***Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *assisting minister

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Pastor

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Wind of the Spirit*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE




Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER *assisting minister*

Let us pray.

Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

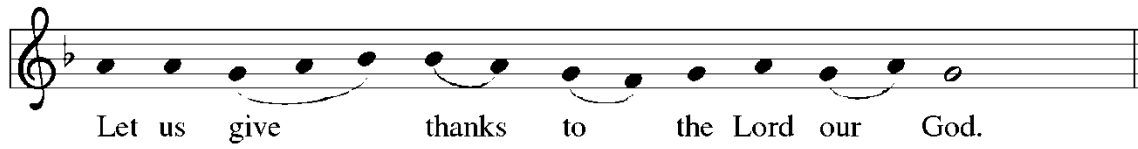
***DIALOGUE Pastor**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection

of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself

to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,

and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the

res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,

and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some phrasing slurs. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE **Pastor**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER** Pastor

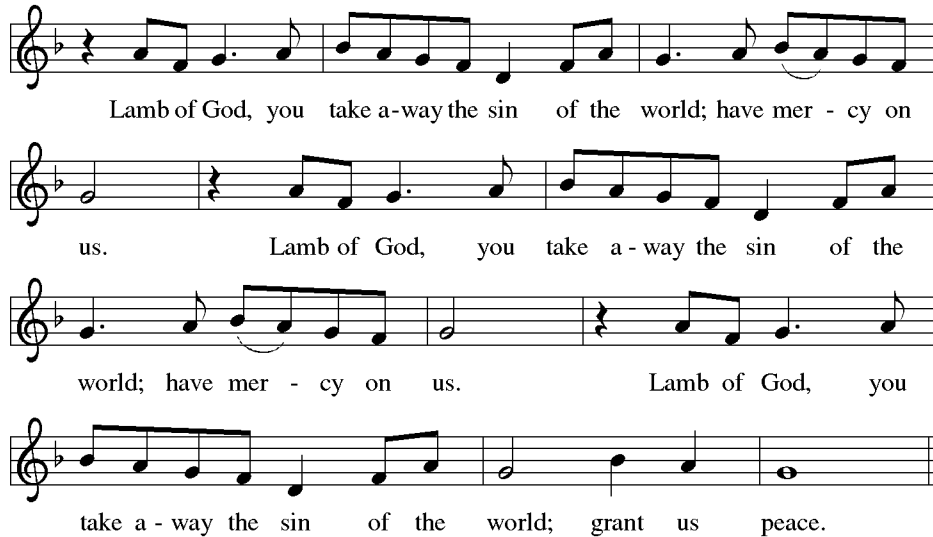
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 and ever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION Pastor**

Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Hymn During Communion: ***Waterlife #457***

***COMMUNION BLESSING Pastor**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *assisting minister*

Let us pray.

Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

*BLESSING *Pastor*

Go out into the world as the people of God in this place,
and may the God who raised Jesus from the dead grant you grace,
the Son who gave his life for you give you peace,
and the Spirit who is with you day by day,
inspire you to greater service both now and forever more.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG *Loving Spirit* #397**

Loving Spirit



1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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