

ORDER OF WORSHIP
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - COMMUNION
MAY 10TH, 2009

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Worship begins when the first worshiper arrives. Please worship silently during the Prelude. In order to maintain an atmosphere of reverent worship please do not photograph or videotape the worship and remember to turn off your cell phone.

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER

O Jesus, our great high priest, be present with us as you were present with your disciples, and make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread. Amen.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Hymn Tune Dix* arr. Brandon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Janet Cothron

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

“I am the vine, you are the branches,” says the Lord.

Those who abide in him and he in them bear much fruit.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord’s name be praised!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)**

O God, form the minds of your people into a single will. As Christ is the vine and we the branches, make us love what you command and desire what you promise. Amid all the changes of this world, help our hearts be fixed where true joy is found, abiding in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN 150**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, we have ignored our origin in you and denied your rule over the nations. We have pursued illusions of self-interest rather than abiding in your love. We have turned away from brothers and sisters in need. We are afraid to love those who differ from us. We hesitate to take the risks that love requires. Abiding in you seems too hard at times; discipleship is too demanding. God of grace, release us from our fears and failures to trust your love and live with bold generosity. Help us to bear much fruit for the sake of Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

HYMNAL, 574

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The people may exchange with one another, by words and gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation)

***GLORIA PATRI**

HYMNAL, 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

After confessing sins, being reassured of forgiveness and making peace, may we now remember the standard by which God calls us to live.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Blessed are they whose delight is in the law of the Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH *(Children’s Worship for 4 yr. old-1st grade)*

CANTICLE

Behold the Goodness of the Lord

Irvine

✠PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***GOSPEL READING**

The Word of the Lord.

John 15:1-8

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Abiding Life”

Chris Joiner

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

EUCCHARIST

THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Wood

(Please see the bulletin insert, and join the choirs in singing verse five.)

***Doxology**

HYMNAL, 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***DEDICATORY PRAYER**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

...(minister continues the prayer)

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Sanctus

Schubert

...(minister continues the prayer)

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

...(minister continues the prayer)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

...(minister continues the prayer)

...all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to love and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

***HYMN 504** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Union Seminary

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST: Sue Banner's friend– Anna Lester; Dawson Blackburn's friend – Cooper Erby; Donna Brevard's mother – Helen Lannom; Nate Collier's uncle – Larry Cox; Alice Darnell's mother – Mariah Goodloe; Cathie Davidson's friend – Louise White; Janet Frame's friend – Susanne Smith; Kim Joiner's brother – Jeff Kilpatrick; Greg Lessley's friend – Steve Traylor; Greg Lessley's friends – Mike and Jeanine Mortin; Paula Ligon's friend – Richard Swaim; Bob Osowiecki's son – Noel Osowiecki; Scott Russell's uncle – Robert Helton; Bruce Whearty; Elizabeth Winkler; Robbie Woodall's friend – Van Robert Gibbs

DEATHS: John Bell; Susan Oldham's brother – David Brubaker; Scott Russell's grandmother – Mary Russell; Sarah Neil Webb's grandmother – Mary McGregor Wright

BIRTHS: *Wyatt Paul Coleman – son of Angela Dyer and Jason Coleman
(This list includes recent requests on our public list. In your weekly prayers, please remember our confidential and long term requests)
*(*denotes rosebud in sanctuary for new birth)*

LITURGISTS

8:30 *Barrett Dozier* 11:00 a.m. *Inge Smith*

USHERS

8:30 a.m. *Fred Banner; Bill Minshall; Don Sargent; Diane and Bob Osowiecki*

11:00 a.m. *Mike and Colln Henry; Carolyn and Warren Keller; Renee and Kyle Lawrence; Helen Lindell; Sara Secor*

NURSERY

8:30 a.m. *Melissa Henderson* 11:00 a.m. *Linda Lahoda; Kristin Cavin*

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP I *(The Good Shepherd and the Lord's Supper (11 I Corinthians 11:23-26))*

8:30 a.m. *Rhonda Moyers ; Jennifer Barton*

11:00 a.m. *LaDonne Basham; Abbie Oldham*

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP II *(John Teaches throughout the World – Revelation 21:1-4)*

11:00 a.m. *Chris Jewell*