

SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

10:00 AM

WELCOME Pastor Small

ORGAN PRELUDE Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life Lynn Trapp
This is a setting of a tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams. (b. 1963)
Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: / Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife; / Such a life as killeth death.
- George Herbert (1593-1633)

CALL TO WORSHIP

From many places, we gather to be the Church. May we know the power and peace of the Creator, the Christ, and the Comforter today, for this is the day that God has made. Let us be glad and rejoice in it!

INTROIT Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

*INVOCATION (in unison)

We gather in your Name, God of justice and mercy. We come before you with praise and thanksgiving. Move among us now and bless us always as we seek knowledge, wisdom, and truth. Amen and amen!

*HYMN 263 (red) Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and corner stone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, And her confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call thee, Come, O Lord of hosts, today!
With thy wonted loving-kindness Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction Shed within its walls always.
3. Here vouch-safe to all thy servants What they ask of thee to gain:
What they gain from thee forever With the blessed to retain,
And here after in thy glory Evermore with thee to reign.
4. Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One;
One in might, and One in glory, While unending ages run.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Psalm 31:1-5 & 16

CHORAL ANTHEM Down in the River to Pray Trad. Southern Gospel

RECOGNITION OF 40-PLUS YEAR MEMBERS

PASTORAL PRAYER
Prayer of our Savior

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Interlude *Communion for Organ* Jacques Lemmens
(1823-1881)

*Doxology

*Dedication of Offering

SECOND LESSON John 14:1-7

SERMON Under the Roof

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 372 (red)
How Firm a Foundation (vss. 1 & 5)

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

*HYMN 494 (red) We Would Be Building (vss. 1 & 3)

1. We would be building; temples still undone
O'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely lift,
Waiting till love can raise the broken stone,
And hearts creative bridge the human rift.
We would be building; Master, let thy plan
Reveal the life that God would give to man.

