

# Order of Worship May 05, 2019

*\*Indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.*

*The congregation is invited to respond with the words printed in **BOLD**.*

*Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.*

Chancel visuals: The anointing bottles and walking stick remain to represent the disciples' journeys. The robes remind us of how people longed to touch Jesus and be healed by Him. The walker symbolizes the idea that we all grapple with weaknesses of one kind or another, both seen and unseen.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Today is a new day!

**All: New life is rising among us!**

Leader: Today we are invited to live fully in God's love.

**All: So we will greet one another in love and praise the God who uplifts each of us in grace! Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Hymn NCH #238 Now the Green Blade Rises

Opening Prayer

**We come before you, O God, in Easter joy, seeking to be a people of the resurrection. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love and your renewing power. Through your Word and Spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Children's Time

*(Teachers, children and youth depart for Sunday School in Education Hall... and as they go we Sing! #66—Every Step of the Way)*

Scripture Reading Mark 6:53-56; Acts 3:1-10

Sermon Heartbreak to Healing

 \*Sing! #85 Waiting for the Touch of God

Prayers of the People

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Quiet prayer and meditation

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer by Karen and Paul Severson

\*Doxology

**Praise God with hope from empty tombs;**

**Praise God for gifts of Easter joy,**

**Praise God for raising Christ anew;**

**That we again rejoice with You! Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Bless these tithes and offerings, O God. They are tangible expressions of our desire to follow your will and walk in your ways. May our gifts gathered in these plates equip your church to serve as a beacon of hope, and as a place where healing happens. In the One who showed us the power of your healing love, we pray. Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion.

*All are welcome at Christ's table! This morning we will receive communion by Intinction which means "dipping." Bread and gluten-free round wafers may be dipped in grape juice (silver chalice); or wine (earthen chalice). Those seated in the back of the sanctuary are invited to come forward first via the center aisle. You may visit either station. As you receive the bread and the cup, you are invited to respond with silence or the phrase, "thanks be to God." Return to your seat via the side aisles.*

\*Hymn NCH #522 I Love to Tell the Story

\*Benediction

Postlude This Little Light of Mine by Harry Dixon Loes

## Mission Statement

- ◇ While our Christian faith is 2000 years old, our thinking is not.
- ◇ We are a people on a faith journey where grace abounds.
- ◇ We celebrate God's still speaking voice revealed in our world today.
- ◇ We worship God, share the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and practice God's unconditional love for all creation.
- ◇ We act on our faith to achieve needed works of service, justice, love and kindness.
- ◇ We support one another, celebrating our roots and enthusiastically embracing our evolving future.
- ◇ We are an open and affirming congregation welcoming all in God's family wherever each is in life's journey.

### Birthdays this Week

Fela Elenitoba-Johnson	5/06	Liz Patch	5/07
Yenni Elenitoba-Johnson	5/06	David Green	5/09
Mykah Flannery	5/06	Nicholas Keniston	5/11
Tim Galvan	5/07	Brielle Rundorff	5/11

### Today's Worship Leaders

Reader: Paul Griffo

Ushers: David Thoma, Cathy Thoma, Suzanne Dunn, Laura Massey

Chancel Visuals: Cathy Thoma, Nancy Macpherson

Communion: Jeanine Elliott, Paige Unangst, Beth Asmann,  
Jim Keniston, Barbara Hess

Coffee: Home Perk

Open and Close: Jonathan Schlueter

Greeter: Mac Macpherson

Sound: Rowland French, Sia Lindstrom

Announcement Slides: Jim Keniston

Nursery: Megan Lucas-Griffiths, Kathryn Fairman

PreK-1st: Dawn Bleyle, Karen Strickland

2nd-5th: Jim Butler, Nancy Hilbrick

Youth: Pam Schlueter

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