



Donelson Heights

United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Liturgist: Nikki Rehberg

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Prelude in C Major" By J.S. Bach
Bill Maul, *Organist*

Centering Ourselves*

Life-giving Father, Almighty God, you created us in your image, and with a rich diversity of character and personality. We are loud and quiet, excited and reserved, and we are energetic and reflective. Inspire us to embrace our individuality; to give thanks for the quirks and abilities that make us who we are. Guide us to respect and value differences in and each other and to appreciate the variety that makes life interesting; that makes friendship vibrant; that sparks creativity. Encourage us to love without judgment or fear, and with confidence in your eternal love for us. Amen.

Hymn of Gathering "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" UMH 339

1. Come, sinners, to the gospel feast; let every soul be Jesus' guest.
Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all human-kind.
2. Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the invitation is to all.
Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou! All things in Christ are ready now.
4. My message as from god receive; ye all may come to Christ and live.
O let his love your hearts constrain, nor suffer him to die in vain.
5. This is the time, no more delay! This is the Lord's accepted day.
Come thou, this moment, at his call, and live for him who died for all.

Affirmation of Faith*

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith, let us now declare:

People: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and by others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

**God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**



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Prayers of the Community and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Amanda Diamond

Hymn of Affirmation

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH 384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe, thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Anthem

"Deep River with Shall We Gather at the River"

Setting by Lloyd Larson

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture

Acts 11: 1-18

Sermon

Ellie Crain

Hymn of Sending Forth

"Spirit Song"

UMH 347

1. O let the Song of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you,
And his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness;
Give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Choral Benediction

"There's Something About That Name"

UMH 171

Sanctuary Choir

Spoken Benediction

Rev. Amanda Diamond

Postlude

"Psalm XIX"

By Marcello

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