

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**11:00 a.m.**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 14, 2017**

*“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.” Psalm 22:27*

**PRELUDE**

Aria

Paul Manz

**INTROIT**

Love Round  
Kinder and Children's Choir

Nancy Gifford

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN**

No. 624

*Tune:* TOULON

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Eternal God, high above our imaginations, whose judgments are deep: Save us from weak excuses. Give us the honesty to face our sins. We acknowledge that we practice subterfuge and will not be candid concerning our failures. Grant that in this place of honest prayer, where no life is hid from your eyes, we may see the harm we do not only to ourselves but to those who trust and love us. Let there be such sincere and moving penitence among this people that lives may be redirected, that sins may be forgiven, that hands may reach out and take hold on solid good, and that your Kingdom may come the more, in our lives and through them, because we have worshipped here; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**KYRIE**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

No. 288

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;

No. 634

Let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;  
Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

**\*WORDS OF PEACE**

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

People: Peace be with you.  
(Please greet your neighbors with words of God's peace.)

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

## CRADLE ROLL DEDICATION

(see insert)

## ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine  
Chancel Choir

Gabriel Faure

## UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, whom no one by searching can find out, seek us out and find us out, we pray. Come to us in stimulating thoughts, clear insights, and illumined faith. Come to us in a fresh vision of Christ, his grace and mercy, his call to our consciences, and his appeal to our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

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## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 14:1-7

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## SERMON

“Many Dwelling Places”

Dr. Williams

*“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?” John 14:2*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ such as a heavenly city, a father’s house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph over all that resists God’s will and disrupts God’s creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

## \*HYMN

No. 724

*Tune:* ANGEL’S STORY

O Jesus, I Have Promised

## THE PRAYERS

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

The Peace May Be Exchanged

Dan Locklair

## \*DOXOLOGY

No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debtors/debtors)

## \*HYMN

No. 645

*Tune:* MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Allegretto, from *Spring*  
\*Congregation please stand.

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Antonio Vivaldi