

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

9:30 a.m.

### WELCOME TO ONLINE WORSHIP

Pastor Aaron

### PRELUDE

Allegro" from *Trio Sonata No. 1 in E Flat*

Bach (1685-1750)  
Kevin Utter, Organist

### LIGHTING OF CANDLES

### OPENING PRAYER

Joyce Lathrop, Liturgist

Gracious God, the soil of your love nurtures the roots of our lives each and every day. As we consecrate ourselves into your loving care, plant us in the soil of your love, that we may abide in Christ, our true vine, and bear the fruit of your love and grace. Give us rain in seasons of doubt and nourish our growth, that our harvest of love may bless the world. In your bountiful name, we pray. Amen.

### HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 89

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Aaron

### CHORAL RESPONSE HYMN NO.454 (Refrain)

"Open My Eyes"

### WE THINK ABOUT OUR GIVING

Pastor Aaron

### MUSICAL MEDITATION

Improvisation on Hymn No. 617  
"I Come With Joy"

Kevin Utter

### DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

### BLESSING

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** "Air for the G String" from the *Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major* J.S. Bach  
Joyful Noise Belles arr. Lee Afdahl

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

When asked by Philip if he really understood the scripture he was reading, the man replied: "How can I, unless someone guides me? As we prepare to read today's scriptures, ask the Holy Spirit to be your guide. Then with the Spirit's help, listen for the word of God.

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:18-24

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

### MESSAGE

"Confident Christians"

Pastor Aaron

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

One: Come to the table of grace, for Christ is the vine, and we are the branches.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

One: Come to the table of love, for whoever does not love, does not know God.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

One: Come to the table of blessing, for Christ is here to abide in him.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**WE SHARE IN COMMUNION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 560**

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor Aaron

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"May the Good Lord Bless..."

**POSTLUDE**

"Toccatina in G Major"

W.H. Pachelbel (1685-1764)

Minister:

Rev. Aaron Gray

Vocal Music:

Chancel Choir, Jean Johnson, Director. Organ – Kevin Utter

Technical Production:

Chuck Panella, Kevin Utter

"Air for the G String" High Meadows Music CCLI License #3273395