

# *Welcome To Worship*

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***Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

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***\*Those who are able may stand***

**PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP  
PRELUDE MUSIC  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
INVITATION TO REST**



**\*OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)**

God is in our midst, forming us to be God’s own people.

**Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.**

We need not fear.

**In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.**

Come to the Lord who will surround you with God’s own righteousness.

**Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you. AMEN.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #301.....”Let Us Build a House”**

**KYRIE**

*(Please join us in the “Kyrie”, an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, “Lord, have mercy”. The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)*

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)  
Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)  
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**Kyrie Eleison**  
**Christe Eleison**  
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**CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)**

**Lord of abiding Love and infinite Patience, be with us this day. We have come from times of stress, difficulties, as well as times of hope and joy. We bring to you our concerns and our fears, and you offer your healing mercies. We confess that we haven’t thought a whole lot about you this week. We have let events and demands crowd you**

out of our thoughts and our actions; yet when we come to this, your house, we again kneel in contrition, seeking your forgiveness for our blindness and apathy. Turn our lives around, Lord. Help us look again at the many ways in which you bless and care for us. Help us be people who will reach out to others with loving compassion. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

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***SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.***

**DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)**

Even though we are a stubborn people, still God absolutely loves and forgives us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!**

**\*RESPONSE HYMN #519....."You Are My All in All"**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

**SPECIAL MUSIC.....*The Krueger Family***

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

**Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.**

**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

**FIRST READING..... Acts 7:55-60**

**SECOND READING..... 1 Peter 2:2-10**

**GOSPEL READING..... John 14:1-14**

*Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON**

***Matt Dearth***

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #458....."Thy Word"**

**PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #319....."Shout to the North"**

**\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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