



LEESBURG

United Methodist Church

Worship Program for May 2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

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We Gather

Prelude “Holy Spirit Medley” (arr. Pinkney) Michelle Pinkney

Welcome Rev. Heather Wray

Centering Litany and Prayer

Leader: We are resurrection people! We seek new life – new beginnings. God calls us, the church, to be a community of grace: knowing we are loved, welcoming of one another, caring for the least the last and the lost. Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Communion that reminds us we belong to Christ and we belong to each other. As we learn the dance of diversity and acceptance, may the Holy Spirit guide our steps, give breath to our voices, and boldness to proclaim together:

**People: We dare to dance with dreamers, we dare to sing their song,
We dare to dance our stories, we dare to sing out strong.
We dare to dance with freedom our whole life long,
We dare to dance with Jesus!**

Leader: Please join me in prayer. Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation – Open us to learn the steps of faith and faithfulness. Holy Spirit grant us boldness and eyes to see opportunity. Lead us in the dance of resurrection, so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ; so that we may with joy proclaim Christ. Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

Hymn “It Is Well with my Soul” (v. 1 & 2)

1) When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

2) Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

We Proclaim

Bible Background: Acts 5

Scripture Acts 5:27-42 Rev. Wray

Message “Always Ready” Rev. Jim Wishmyer

We Respond

Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Confession: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our**

whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear Amen.

Pardon: Hear the good news... you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit...

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Call to Action

Rev. Wishmyer

National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 6. nationaldayofprayer.org/national-prayer

7 x 7 - Seven prayer topics for seven days a week: Churches; Families; Government; First Responders (Police, Fire, EMT); Education; Military; Business

We Go Forth

Blessing

Rev. Wishmyer

Song

“Beneath the Waters”

Raising Praise

Postlude

“Rise Up with Onward Christian Soldiers” (arr. Pinkney)

Michelle Pinkney

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