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- *to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ*
- *to nurture those within its influence*
- *to serve spiritual and human needs*

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FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022

## ✠ THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✠

PRELUDE

*Exuberant Joy*  
Adult Handbell Choir

Arnold B. Sherman

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION: CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Stacy Davis

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
Let them say among the nations, **“The Lord is king!”**  
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it.  
Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord.  
**O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;**  
God’s steadfast love endures forever.

† OPENING HYMN 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Lobe Den Herren

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,  
and from whom no secrets are hid;  
we come to sing our praise and worship you;  
to know you and be known by you.  
You have made us for yourself, O God,  
and our hearts are restless  
until they rest in you.

So do your mysterious work within our hearts:  
reclaim us, renew us, re-enliven us,  
that we may leave your presence transformed,  
seeing you and singing your praise  
in every moment of our lives.

May the cadences of our hearts  
reflect our thanksgiving,  
as we follow you to places we might never imagine.  
Unto you, O God, our hearts are open;  
we are yours...  
*(a moment for silent confession)*

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† MUSICAL RESPONSE 248

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (vs. 1)*

Hymn to Joy

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

† MUSICAL RESPONSE 250      *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* (vs. 1)      Promise  
In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

## ✧ THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD ✧

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Acts 11:1-8*

Jim Brown

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'<sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'<sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.'<sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'<sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'<sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

### ANTHEM

*And I Saw a New Heaven*

Edgar Bainton

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; For the first heaven and first earth had passed away, And there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying: 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, And he will dwell with them and they shall be his people; And God himself shall be with them and be their God; And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, And there shall be no more death neither sorrow nor crying, Neither shall there be any more pain, For the former things are passed away.'*

### BAPTISM OF GRAYDEN DEAN VEILLEUX

BAPTISMAL HYMN 486      *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* (vs. 4)

Kingdom

Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

## SERMON

"All Things"

Rev. Mark R. Curtis

## ✠ THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✠

### † HYMN OF RESPONSE 374

*O Holy City, Seen of John*

Morning Song

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Meredith Loftis

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the offering plates when they are passed or you are invited to mail in your tithes and offerings to the church office or give online at [www.fpcknox.org/donate](http://www.fpcknox.org/donate).

### OFFERTORY

*Laudate Dominum*

Wolfgang A. Mozart

Chrissy Mayer, Soprano

Translation of Latin Text: *Praise the Lord, all nations; Praise Him, all people. For He has bestowed His mercy upon us, And the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.*

### † DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION 606 *Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### † SENDING HYMN 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Nicaea

### † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*All Creatures Of Our God and King*

Arr. Hal Hopson

† - *Please stand if you are able.*

## HYMNS FOR MAY 15

- † OPENING HYMN 35**                      *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*                      Lobe Den Herren
1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to his temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!
  2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?
  3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
Sound from his people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore him.

- BAPTISMAL HYMN 486**                      *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* (vs. 4)                      Kingdom
- Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.

- † HYMN OF RESPONSE 374**                      *O Holy City, Seen of John*                      Morning Song
1. O holy city, seen of John,  
Where Christ, the Lamb, does reign,  
Within whose four-square walls shall come  
No night, nor need, nor pain,  
And where the tears are wiped from eyes  
That shall not weep again!
  2. O shame to us who rest content  
While lust and greed for gain  
In street and shop and tenement  
Wring gold from human pain,  
And bitter lips in deep despair  
Cry, "Christ has died in vain!"
  3. Give us, O God, the strength to build  
The city that has stood  
Too long a dream; whose laws are love,  
Whose ways are servant-hood,  
And where the sun that shines becomes  
Your grace for human good.
  4. Already in the mind of God  
That city rises fair.  
Lo, how its splendor challenges  
The souls that greatly dare,  
And bids us seize the whole of life  
And build its glory there.

- † SENDING HYMN 1**                      *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*                      Nicaea
1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
  2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
  3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness  
Thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.
  4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name,  
In earth, and sky, and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.