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“Glorify God”

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C

May 15, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Worship Leaders:

Pastor Michael Small

Liturgist: Deb Farrell

Greeter: Gary and Gay Jacobson

Musician: Leisa Bragg

Special Music: Leisa Bragg

Music Coordinator: Joanna Aamodt

**Tech: Gary Jacobson, Aurora Diehl (Video), Esther Covert (Audio)
Sue Standeven, Chancel and Communion Preparation**

Wherever you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

PRELUDE

Leisa Bragg

WORDS OF WELCOME

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Deb Farrell

HYMN

"To You, O God, All Creatures Sing" (vss. 1 & 2)

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Celebrate our God, from the plains to the mountains!

All: Celebrate our God, from the waters and hills.

One: Sing to our God who designed creation.

All: Fill the air with song to the One who painted the world with love.

One: Let us praise our God, the author of grace.

All: Let us worship our God, the composer of joy.

A TIME OF CENTERING

Leisa Bragg

(During this time of centering, open your hearts to God; be in the present, here and now.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Spirit of Joy-

All: Basking in your presence, we dance in the knowledge that your presence dwells with us. We celebrate your name, your grace, your love in this space with our siblings. We proclaim our excitement that we, together, can glorify your name through sharing your love. May this minute be the start of a new chapter of our love for you and our love for our neighbors. Amen.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND GROWTH

One: God of Awe and Harmony-

All: We were given the great commandment to love one another the way you, the Christ, the Spirit loves us. And yet, the way we love becomes conditional. What events have distorted our view of Divine Love? How can we return to a simple but radical way of loving? Transform our hearts as we work to understand one another, creating an earth which reflects God's heaven. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit of God heals our hearts, blessing us with grace as the Divine One works to transform our world into a realm of peace and joy. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*You may nod to your neighbors and say, "The Peace of Christ be with you" – Response "And also with you."*)

SCRIPTURE: John 13:28-31

²⁷ After Judas took the bread, Satan entered his heart. Jesus said to him, "Be quick about what you're going to do." ²⁸ None of the others at the table understood the reason Jesus said this. ²⁹ Since Judas had charge of the common fund, some of them thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor. ³⁰ As soon as Judas took the piece of bread, he went out into the night.

³¹ Once Judas left, Jesus said,
"Now is the Chosen One glorified
and God is glorified as well.

³² If God has been glorified,
God will in turn glorify the Chosen One
and will do so very soon.

33 My little children,
I won't be with you much longer.
You'll look for me,
but what I said to the Temple authorities, I say to
you: where I am going, you cannot come.
34 I give you a new commandment:
Love one another.
And you're to love one another
the way I have loved you.
35 This is how all will know that you're my disciples:
that you truly love one another."

REFLECTION "A New Commandment"

HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" (vss. 1 & 3)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison, using debts)

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.

REFLECTION ON GIVING

One: We have the tools we need to love one another. Through our talents, treasures, and time, we can create God's Realm here on earth. Our contributions – no matter the size – will craft a world which reflects God's love.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Leisa Bragg

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

One: Loving God, Holy Vessel of Kindness-
We glorify you by sharing our gifts of love with this community. We celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. May these offerings today nourish a world craving more love, peace, justice, and hope. Amen.

PARTING WORDS

One: As the week begins again,
 May we dance as we celebrate God's presence.
 May we sing as we proclaim Christ's love.
 May we create as we embrace the Spirit's vision.
 May we love boldly, care radically, and share courageously to glorify the
 Spirit of God in our midst. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Leisa Bragg

In our Thoughts and Prayers this week . . . Please hold the following members and friends in your thoughts and prayers as we worship this morning and throughout the week: Shaleen, Drew, Kathy, Joanne and her son Andrew, Alison, Lorraine.

Glorify God: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Easter C was written by the Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, Senior Pastor of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, Illinois.



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Due to Covid-19, please inquire to see if there will be Fellowship following the service.

It is also recommended that:

- **We wear masks**
- **Keep distance from one another**
- **No Hymn singing**
- ***If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home!***



CONGRATULATIONS 2022 GRADUATES

Erika Rand – Walker MN High School.
 Daughter of Charles Rand and
 Granddaughter of JoAnn Rand.

Kallie Brownlow – UMD. Granddaughter of
 Dick & Barb Brownlow.

Caleb Bernhardt – Chandler AZ High School.
 Great-Grandson of Sue Standeven.

Tyler Huber – University of Wisconsin, with
 Honors, Milwaukee. Takes after his grandfather.

Logan Meyer – Holmen WS High School.
 Grandson of Dick & Barb Brownlow.