

## CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

and the United Methodist Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 28, 2024 9:15 am

*Prelude*

*Welcome*

*Call to Worship (responsive)*

L. Come, children of God, to sing a new song,  
clap your hands and shout for joy.

P. Jesus is our good news,  
our joy, and our salvation.

L. In steadfast love and faithfulness  
God has done marvelous things.

P. God raised Jesus from the dead;  
Christ is alive and at work among us.

L. The ends of the earth turn to God;  
all families of nations worship our Creator.

P. Christ is the vine; we are the branches.  
Apart from Christ we can do nothing.

*Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story"*

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*Announcements*

*Time with God's Children*

*Choral Anthem*

*Prayer of Confession (unison)*

*We confess, O God, that we are accustomed to having our own way. Our abundance has tricked us into believing that we are independent, self-sustaining creatures. Yet, when our ingenuity solves one problem, a dozen more seem to take its place. We need help to understand, to be reconnected, to be truly productive. We need your love and forgiveness in order to live with ourselves, and with one another. Help us, God! Amen.*

*Assurance of Pardon*

*Summary of the Law*

*Gloria Patri (Hymnal #70)*

*Sharing our Joys and Concerns*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Acts of the Apostles Lesson          Acts 8:26-40*

*Hymn          “Open My Eyes, That I May See”          Page 454*

*Gospel Lesson          John 15: 1-8*

*Sermon          “Growing”*

*Affirmation of Faith*

*Apostles Creed    #881*

*Blessing the Offering*

*Offerings can be placed in our offering box in the rear  
of the sanctuary or mailed to PO Box .*

*Hymn “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”          Page 672  
vs 1-3*

*Benediction*

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vs 4*