

CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING

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5th Sunday of Easter

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WE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The One who loves without distinction calls us here.

P: They will know we are Christians by our love.

L: The One who loves us completely welcomes us home.

P: They will know we are Christians by our love.

L: The One who loves us well rejoices in our presence.

P: They will know we are Christians by our love.

***HYMN** *"Here, O Lord, Your Servants
 Gather"* **UMH# 552
 V 1-3**

***OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

Wipe away our tears, O God, for we are weary of weeping at the injustices of the world. You love us like a mother and protect us like a father. You restore our lives and claim us as your beloved children in a world made new. Dwell among us, we pray, that we may love one another, as you have loved us. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (IN UNISON)** **UMH# 881**

*** GLORIA PATRI** **UMH #70**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

YOUNG DISCIPLES' TIME

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-18

CHOIR ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

UMH# 95

OFFERING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

God of mystery, you promise us a life of blessedness if only we would learn to love, as you have loved us. May the gifts we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to love one another well. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:31-35

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

"By Our Love"

Pastor Chris

***HYMN**

"Spirit of the Living God"

**UMH# 393
Repeat 2x**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)

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 sins as we forgive those who sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***HYMN**

"They'll Know We are Christians"
(over)

**FWS# 2223
V 1-3**

BENEDICTION

L: Christ has given us a new commandment.

P: We will love one another well.

L: God guides us to love the stranger

P: We will love one another well.

L: The Spirit blesses with a new vision.

P: We will love one another well.

POSTLUDE

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.**

*** (Those who are able, please stand)**

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal)

FWS (The Faith We Sing)
