

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022  
8:45 & 11:00am



**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS**  
Est. 1836 | Flat Rock, North Carolina

## Mission Statement

*To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in his name.*

## Welcome and Reminders

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. While we are broken and incomplete in many ways, we find God making us whole through this parish community. Fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or talk to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy to learn more about St. John. It is wonderful to be with you today!

## Reminders for Worship

- Masks are recommended but not required.
- If you find out that you have COVID-19 and that you might have brought it to this service, please call the church office and ask for the Rector.
- You will find hand sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 & 11:00am

PRELUDE: In Christ There Is No East or West

James Biery

Welcome & Announcements

Fr. Josh Stephens

ENTRANCE HYMN: No. 623 O what their joy and their glory must be    *O quanta qualia*

1 O what their joy and their glo - ry must be,  
2 Tru - ly "Je - ru - sa - lem" name we that shore,  
3 There, where no trou - bles dis - trac - tion can bring,  
4 Now, in the mean - while, with hearts raised on high,  
5 Low be - fore him with our prais - es we fall,

1 those end - less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see;  
2 ci - ty of peace that brings joy ev - er - more;  
3 we the sweet an - thems of Zi - on shall sing;  
4 we for that coun - try must yearn and must sigh,  
5 of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;

1 crown for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest:  
2 wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there,  
3 while for thy grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise  
4 seek - ing Je - ru - sa - lem, dear na - tive land,  
5 of whom, the Fa - ther; and in whom, the Son;

1 God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.  
2 nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.  
3 thy bless - ed peo - ple e - ter - nal - ly raise.  
4 through our long ex - ile on Bab - ylon's strand.  
5 through whom, the Spi - rit, with them ev - er One.

Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *O quanta qualia*, melody from *Antiphoner*; 1681; harm. John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Acclamation & Response

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## GLORIA

Hymnal S-280

The musical notation consists of seven staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some words underlined or repeated for emphasis. Measure numbers 1 through 7 are indicated above the music.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. Amen.

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "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. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 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. 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; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 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.' 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?" 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."

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 148**

*Laudate Dominum*

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
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."

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." 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."

The Word of the Lord.

*People      Thanks be to God.*

*As the music begins, all stand for the gradual hymn.*

## GRADUAL HYMN: No. 603 When Christ was lifted from the earth

St. Botolph

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his  
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and  
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -  
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,  
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us  
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels  
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.  
 as his friends and loves us as we are.  
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.  
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

*All remain standing as the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People    Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where

I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. Josh Stephens

All stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

This Easter season, we are shaped into Christ's resurrection community. With death now defeated, let us boldly pray for the Church and the world, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for José, our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joseph, our president, and Roy, our governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; we pray especially for Kay, Chris, Joanne, Katherine, Lois, JoAnn, Ann, Helen, Chuck, Herb, Sandy, Debbie, Barb, Jack, Herb, Rachel, Vlada, Eve, & Ivanka, Adam, Jim, Bob, Todd, Josh, Shelby, Terry, Dottie, Legare, Dela, and those we name before you now.

*The People may add their own petitions*

That being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church,

*The People may add their own petitions*

And those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. John, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People      And also with you.*

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Offertory

*The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC: 8:45 Love One Another

Lynn Trapp

11:00 I Give You A New Commandment

Peter Aston

Text: John 13:34-35

I give you a new commandment, love one another  
as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.

If there is this love among you,  
then all will know that you are my disciples.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

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.

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

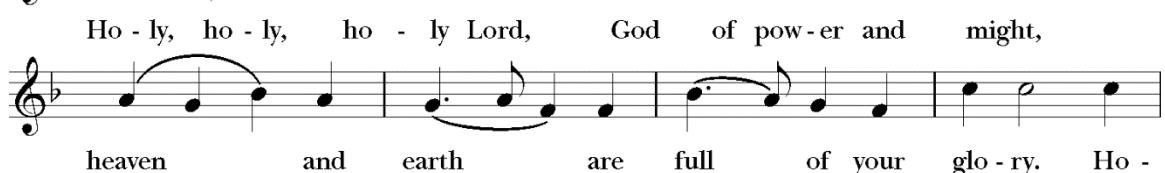
*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## SANCTUS

Hymnal S-125



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for

you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People*      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 trespasses,  
                      as we forgive those  
                      who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
                      but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
                      and the power, and the glory,  
                      for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People           Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*   Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. All are invited to come forward and kneel as you are able. If you would rather not receive Communion, you are invited to still come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest to indicate for the priest to bless you.*

*If you are receiving Communion, please do one of three things when you kneel: 1.) Most traditionally, place one hand in the palm of the other and receive the Body of Christ which you consume immediately. When the chalice comes around, guide it to your lips and drink directly from the chalice. 2.) To receive Communion in one kind (the bread alone), simply receive the bread as described above and when the chalice comes around, cross both arms over your chest. 3.) If you would like to practice intinction, upon arriving at the altar rail, place one arm diagonally across your chest until the priest notices your preference, then put one hand in the palm of the other to receive Communion. The priest will intinct for you and then place the Body and Blood of Christ in the palm of your hands.*

*A gluten-free option is available upon request.*

## COMMUNION HYMN: No. 487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

*The Call*

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.  
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

## Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant With whom will you share this communion?

Eucharistic Visitors respond with the names of those to whom they will go.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we share one bread and one cup.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Blessing

### DISMISSAL HYMN: No. 529 In Christ there is no East or West

McKee

*Unison or harmony*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in what - in;  
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples East or the faith, what - in;  
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in;  
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are;  
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

### The Dismissal

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words*

Deacon      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
People      Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE: Postlude in C major

Fr. Walczynski

## **Summer Coffee Hours to Resume Today!**

### **Won't You Please Host One?**



The much-enjoyed coffee hour after services have returned for the summer. Coffee time is an informal opportunity for the fellowship we all enjoy – *and* it is an important way in which we as a church and as individuals connect with visitors, new members, and our parish family.

The Welcome Ministry at St. John needs folks who will help continue this important tradition. Hosting coffee time is easy! You provide beverages and snacks... Almost all the other items needed for the Coffee Hour are stored in cabinets at the church. Detailed instructions are provided. Please volunteer for just one Sunday this year – your help is needed and valued.

Contact Judy Petersen (828-697-1967; [jpsewnsew@aol.com](mailto:jpsewnsew@aol.com)) for more information, or let the Parish Office know of your interest, and Sarah will pass along your name.

**The Prayers of the People** is that part of our liturgy which offers intercessions and thanksgivings to God. Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the **Prayers of the People**. As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Kay Arnold, Chris, Joanne Adams, Katherine Gee Thaxton, Lois Karcher, Ann Stringfield, Helen Higgins, Chuck King, Herb Quarles, Sandy Bernreuter, Debbie O'Brien, Barb Mendel, Jack Presseau, Herb Mahan, Rachel Bradford, Vlada, Eve, & Ivanka, Adam Sherrill, Jim Kehl, Bob Sundein, Todd, Josh Verner, Shelby White, Terry Bettendorf, Dottie Dalzell, Legare Head, and Dela.

**The Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of all who have died of COVID-19.

**To our visitors:** We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing or the Sacrament. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

We give thanks to the following for their ministry to our church:

	May 15, 2022		May 22, 2022	
	8:45	11:00	8:45	11:00
Lay Readers	Sandra Jeffery	Julianna Savage	Judy Petersen	Mike Covell
Acolyte	Elaine Howe	Julianna Savage	Mary Shelton	Abby Stephens
Ushers	Clint Adams	John Knapp	Debby Staton	Hilton Swing
Greeters	Jerry Holt	Sandy Gulbrandsen	Clint Adams	Tom Savage
	Dottie Dalzell	Vickie Taylor	Lynne Miller	Susan Rex
Cart Driver	Patrice German		Judy Petersen	
	BJ McKee/ George Grzenda	Chris Kanipe	Jim Olson	Nancy Cooper
Eucharistic Visitors	Mike Covell Clint Adams	Meg & Jerry Holt	Margaret Barker	Dick Zecher
Altar Guild	Cathryn Harrell BJ McKee Robin Howe	Vickie & Bill Taylor	Lynne Miller Carol & Gib Sims	Susan Gibbs Kathy Newbold
Coffee Hour	Carol & Gib Sims	Jason Caldwell & Athena Brooks	Brenda Hillyer	Vickie & Bill Taylor
Opening Gatekeeper	Jill & Mark Owen		Jill & Mark Owen	
Closing Gatekeeper	Gibson Sims		Gibson Sims	
Flower Guild	Catherine Richardson		Carol Sims/Elaine Howe	

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Worship Services: 8:45 & 11:00am | Office Hours: 9am-4pm M-F

Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Children: 10:00am

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service: Wednesdays 10:30am in the Wilderness Room

The Rt. Rev. José McLoughlin, Bishop

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Communications & Publicity: Joey Popp

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