

ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WORDS TO PONDER

“If then God gave the same gift to them as He gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?” (Acts 11:17)

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To God we are all one family.

People: **Even to those once considered outside the faith, God offers repentance.**

Leader: Even when we are strangers to ourselves, God gives grace.

People: **What the Holy Spirit makes acceptable, we also are to welcome.**

Leader: Such is the kindness of our holy Parent God.

People: **We are all one family of God.**

Leader: Even to those who do not see things as we do, God offers love.

People: **Even to those who live in ways strange to us, God's presence comes.**

Unison: **To God, there is no “them” and “us.” We are all one.**

OPENING HYMN: “Glorious Things of Thee are ... ” #323 Red

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has provided for us in ways that amaze us. How awesome is all God's creation! God rightfully expects our grateful response to all this bounty. Yet we seldom pause to give thanks or to ponder the wonderful deeds by which life is sustained. Come to confess every violation of God's law of love, those you remember and all of which you are unaware.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous Provider, You have loved us and met our needs, even when we have ignored You and resisted Your Word. We have not loved You or one another as You command, but have looked for saviors in our own image and have given our attention to those from whom we think we can gain. We have closed our eyes to the suffering and pain we help to inflict on some of Your children. Forgive us and turn us around, lest our care and concern come too late to help other children whom You love. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Stand up on your feet and walk. God has healed our crippled spirits and helped us to feel the pain of our sisters and brothers. God satisfies us with food and gladness, so we can pass on the mercies of our Creator to others. Dwell in God's love as forgiven sinners.

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 148, John 13:31-35,
Acts 10:44-11:18

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

SERMON: "Who do we think we are?"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

CLOSING HYMN: "Near to the Heart of God" (Screens)

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RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Leader: The blessings of God are meant for all humanity, so we go out to make them real to others.

Unison: Our mouths will speak the praises of God, and our deeds will tell of God's kindness.