

May 7^h, 2023
5th Sunday after Easter
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Kathy Pagano, Violin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: *Be Still, My Soul*

#534

SILENT PRAYER

CHOIR INTROIT: *In Christ Alone*

***HYMN:** *Grace Alone*

#2162

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, all of you who feel lost, alienated, alone.

**P: At one time we felt that way – we didn't belong anywhere.
We just wanted somewhere to be.**

L: Christ, the Strong Cornerstone of our house, welcomes you.

P: Once we were no people

L: Now we are God's people.

P: Once we had no place to dwell

L: Now we live and abide in God's love.

P: Thanks be to God for God's gracious love and hospitality. AMEN.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy God, as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, we pray that we may be bound together in Christian love and that our faith and fellowship will bring others into your church. We humbly thank you for the many blessings you have given us. We ask that we may learn how to truly be Easter people and always remember that we are celebrating resurrection day every day, for we pray through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

***HYMN: Let Us Break Bread Together**

#618

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

COMMUNION (See pg. 15 Hymnal – Table III)

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 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, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

***HYMN: I'll Fly Away**

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*
