

Sunday May 1st 2022

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“Now thanks be unto God, who always causes us to triumph in Christ, and make manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish.” (2 Corinthians 2:14-15).

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Hear the word of the Lord my people: “Behold the glory of God, and be ready to be transformed by the Spirit of the Lord.”

C: Our God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness has shone in our hearts to acknowledge the Light of Jesus Christ.

P: Hear the word of the Lord my people: “For we walk by faith, and not by sight.”

C: Our God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness has shone in our hearts to acknowledge the Light of Jesus Christ.

P: So hear the word of the Lord my people: “Take courage, for although our outward self may faint, our inner self is spiritually renewed day by day.”

C: We may be troubled on every side, but we are not distressed, perplexed, but we are not in despair, cast down but we are not destroyed, because Jesus Christ is our eternal shelter and the Mighty Rock of our Salvation. Amen. (Excerpts from 2 Cor. 2).

HYMN: #19 (Red Hymnal) “Praise the Lord His Glories Show”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Alleluia, to the One who is our peace and who reconciled us unto God by one body by the cross! Our God who is rich in mercy and who loves us 'world without end' has quickened our spirits, and has allowed us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Lord, today we confess that although it is hard for us to understand the magnitude of your love towards all of humanity, we believe that your love surpasses our knowledge and fills us with the fullness God. While we abide in your truth, we will yield to meekness, and we will endeavor to love one another as you have commanded us to do. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 2:11-13

SERMON: 'Grace for grace' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

COMMUNION HYMN: #288 (Red Hymnal) “Let Us Break Bread Together”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With grateful hearts we praise you O God, for your great goodness in the gift of Christ. Through sacred memory, Christ has come to us and fed us at this table. Strengthen us by your grace to fellowship with Christ each day. Stir us to share Christ's cross in daily sacrificial service. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION: 2 Corinthians 2:17
“For we are not as many, who corrupt the word of God; but as of sincerity, we are of God, and in the sight of God speak we in Christ.”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

CLOSING HYMN: #358 (Red Hymnal, Verses 1-3 only) “Rock of Ages”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: