FRIENDLY REMINDER

Our Sunday service is livestreamed, and microphones pick up sound throughout the sanctuary. Recording begins at least 15 minutes before the service to include announcements.



Prelude

Pastor TaeWon Kang

5th Sunday of Easter/ Heritage Sunday

May 18th, 2025

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WELCOME,

ANNOUNCEMENTS,

and

CELEBRATIONS

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus reminded the disciples

People: Love one another as I have loved you.

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love

People: Love one another as I have loved you.

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

People: Let us love one another as Christ loved us. Amen

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light.



OPENING PRAYER

May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.



WORDS: Franny J. Crosby, 1873 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

WORDS: Franny J. Crosby, 1873 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

WORDS: Franny J. Crosby, 1873 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

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This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

WORDS: Franny J. Crosby, 1873 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

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This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

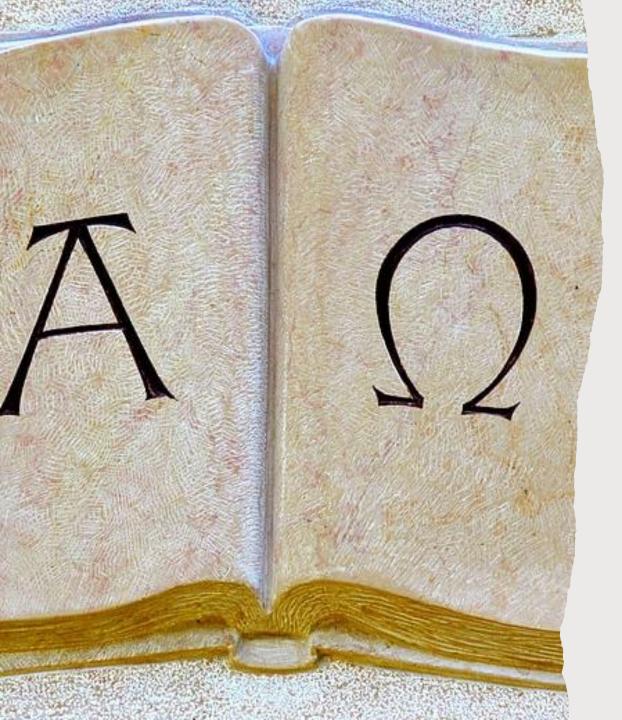
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.





Revelation 21: 1-6

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¹Then 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.

² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be

their God;

⁴he 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."

⁶ 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.

Sung Response:

Let all things their creator bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord, in the heights!

People: ²Praise the Lord, all his angels, praise the Lord, all his hosts!

Leader: ³Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise the Lord, all shining stars!

People: ⁴Praise the Lord, highest heavens, and all waters above the heavens!

Sung Response:

Let all things their creator bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: ⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded and they were created...

People: ⁶ who established them for ever and ever, and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.

Leader: ⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, sea monsters and all deeps...

People: 8 fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

Sung Response:

Let all things their creator bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: ⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

People: ¹⁰Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Leader: ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

People: ¹²Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Leader: ¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.

People: ¹⁴God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful ones, for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise the Lord!

Sung Response:

Let all things their creator bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



John 13: 31 - 35

NRSVUE

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

³³ 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.'

³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Glory Be to the Father

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

Sermon

"Love, Love, Love"

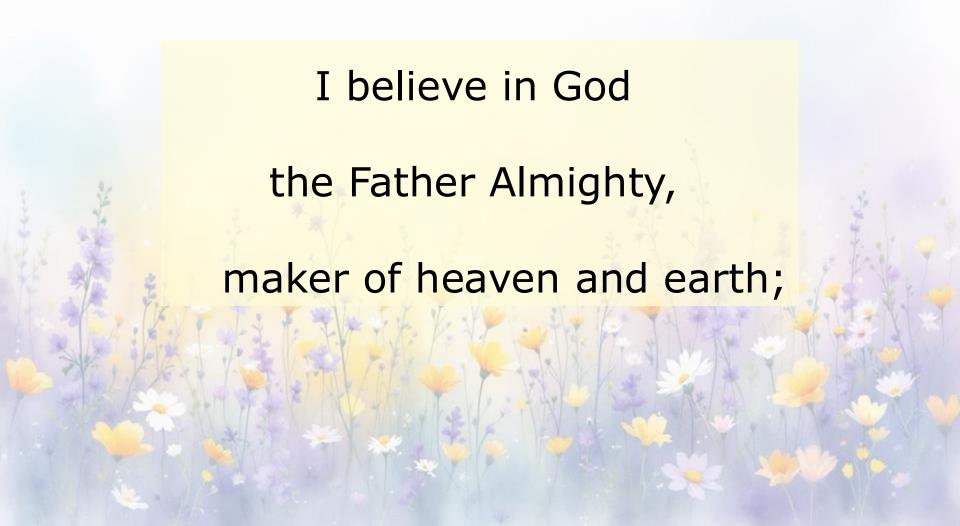
"Make Us One" TFWS 2224 WORDS and MUSIC: Carol Cymbala, 1991 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one. Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.

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And in Jesus Christ

his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

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the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

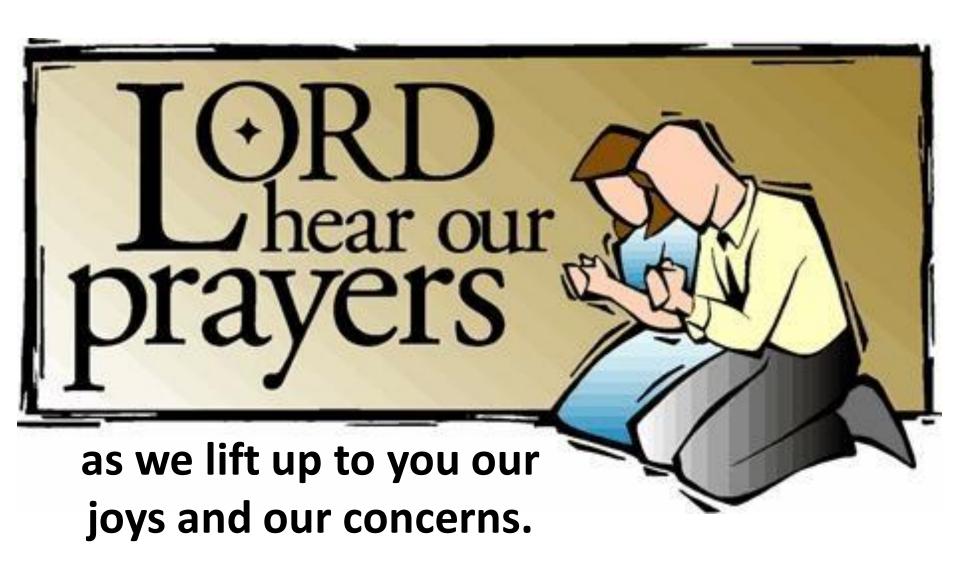
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYERS of the PEOPLE





Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

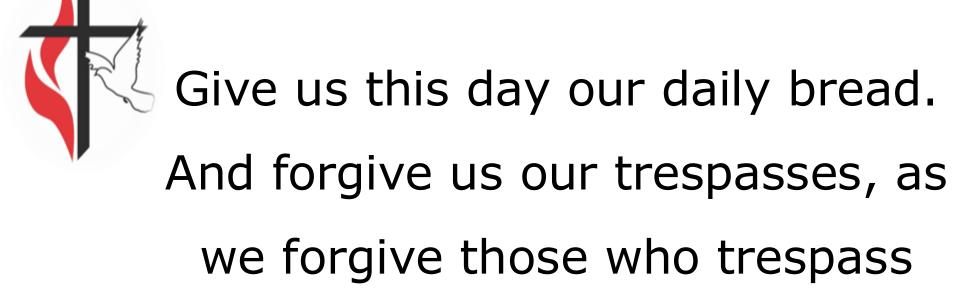


Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895



against us.

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895



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

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

Amen

forever.



Worship through giving

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapted by Gilbert H. Viera, 1978
MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harmonized by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

Benediction



BLESSING AND BENEDICTION



This service has ended, and now your service in the world begins!

Rectortown United Methodist Church

serving God with Prayer, Action, and Love through Service.