

The Order of Worship

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Minister: Rev. James Adams
Lay Leader: Gary Brown
Music Director: Rebecca Haywood

Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink
Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd
Secretary: Vickie Ellis

Bold Print indicates a congregational response * Indicates to stand, if able

Gathering Before God

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

* Call to Worship Projected

* Hymn *Love Divine All Love Excelling* No. 384

* Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer All

* Song of Praise *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord!*

* Time of Greeting and Fellowship

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time

Scripture Song *Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet*

First Scripture Lesson Acts 11:1-18 Gary Brown

The Gospel John 13:1-35

Special Music *Come Share the Lord* Chancel Choir

Today's Message "A New-Old Commandment" Rev. Adams

Responding to God's Word

* Hymn of Response *Spirit Song* No. 347

* An Affirmation of Faith Projected

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

Patient God, sometimes

we are just too busy for our own good.

**We pledge ourselves to hectic schedules,
demands on time, energy, and resources
that erode all too quickly.**

We seem to be rushing through life.

The cries of those in need often go unheeded

Slow us down a bit, Lord.

Remind us that we are responsible

for the care of this world,

for reaching out

and offering your healing love.

Remind us again of Jesus' words,

that they should love one another as he us.

Help us to take time to bear witness to that love

in all that we do.

For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

Silent Meditation - Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Debbie Mink

* Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

* The Great Thanksgiving

The Distribution of the Elements

Serving God in the World

* Benediction and Sending Forth

* Final Song *He Lives* No. 310 (vs. 1)

Calendar

Today-10:55 Worship
4:30 Beg. Bells

5:30	Wesley Bells
Wednesday-6:00	Bible Study
7:00	Choir
Thursday- 10:00	Sewing Circle
7:00	Boy Scouts Roundtable

Today's Volunteers

Nursery Volunteer– Susan Spurlock

Children's Church– Julie Paxton

Acolytes - Lily Smith, Nick Garrett

Greeters – David & Jenni Smith

Next Week's Volunteers

Nursery Volunteer – Amy Burchett

Children's Church – Robin Smith

Acolytes for– Matt Burchett, Andrew Burchett

Greeters– Mary Sue Moore, Mable Brown

Ushers– David Garrett, Pete Greene, Cal Herrick, Marty Osborne

Other Announcements

Record of our Faithfulness: Sun., April 25 Morning Worship-99, Sunday School-30

Graduation Time is coming soon, if you know someone who is graduating from High School, or College, please notify the church office with names and degrees.

Floyd Davis, Church historian, is developing a series of monographs dealing with the history and development of our Church. These will be available at the cost of publication with all proceeds returning to the Church budget. The first two of these, "The Spanish Lady" (dealing with the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918) and "The More Abundant Life" (addressing First Church's entry into the Modern Age during the Twentieth Century) are currently available. Please contact the Church office or Floyd Davis if you would be interested.