

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR MAY 4, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Handbells: *My Jesus, I Love Thee* AJ GORDON
arr. P Cota

Gathering Around The Word

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Ps. 30

One: O Lord our God, we praise you.

**All: We cried to you for help
and you answered us.**

One: You have restored our lives;

All: you have rescued us from the grave.

***HYMN 667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION from Ps. 30:3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Lord God, in the light of your glory
we see the evil we have done,
the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused,
and the truth we have denied.**

**Heal us of our sin,
wash us in your mercy,
and feed us with your grace,
so that we may follow your way
and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON rom Ps. 30:11

One: Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put
on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

***PASSING THE PEACE**
We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

***RESPONSE 581** GLORIA PATRI
**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.**

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING PSALM 30
(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)

**for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

ANTHEM *Easter Song* ANN HERRING

SECOND READING ACTS 9:1-7

SERMON "Meanwhile" Rev. David Holden

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 451** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on 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 Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and life everlasting. Amen.**

SHARING OUR PRAYERS See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

- prayer continues -

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts"/"debtors") page 35 in hymnal

SHARING THE FEAST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

(Give online @ bit.ly/FPCSomersetGive or scan the code on the yellow pew card)

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY 606**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** from Rev. 5:12

God Sends Us Forth

***HYMN 828** *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION** from John 21:15-17

***BLESSING**

HYMN 752 *Irish Blessing* Inside back cover of hymnal

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us about yourself! You can scan
this QR code with your smartphone to fill
out our online form, or fill out a pew card
and drop it in the offering plate.



This Week

Mon., May 5 @ 9:30am - Dress a Girl Around the World Sewing Day

Wed., May 7 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice

Thur., May 8 @ 10:30am - Spiritual Practices Group

Thur., May 8 @ 4:30pm - Congregation Care Committee Meeting

Thur., May 8 @ 5:00pm - Deacon Meeting

Sat., May 10 @ 10:30am - Needle Workers Group

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Mary Jones

Ushers.....Pat Carpenter & Carol Wade

Audio.....Mary Beth Waller

Video.....Jon Burlew

Coffee Plus.....Marci Randall

First Reading—Psalm 30

1 I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
2 O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
3 O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
4 Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
5 For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”
7 By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.
8 To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:
9 “What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
10 Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!”
11 You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
12 so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Second Reading—Acts 9:1-7

1 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” 5 He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Autumn Brock; Stephanie McClendon; The family of Carmelita Hall; Calvin Kruse; Bill McAtee; Aaron Ramsey; Tim Noel; Leslie Phillips' parents, J.R & Karen Goff; Don Haney; Rebecca Davis; David & Brenda Bryant; Jeff & Kathy Bishop's daughter, Ashley Kerr; Ed & Joyce Mick; Jennifer Williams; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of March	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Offering	\$23,620	\$16,522	\$54,802	\$49,566

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Marshall Judy
Next Week.....Linda Bonardel

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Zack Vaught
Ushers.....Kim King & Marshall Judy
Audio.....Paul Guffey
Video.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Cindy Fountain
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Pastor.....Rev. David Holden

Deacons:

Linda Cook Rebecca Davis Sue Guffey
Don Haney Nancy Holland Marshall Judy Marci Randall

Elders:

Class of 2025 Class of 2026 Class of 2027
Charles Leveridge Sharon Mandt Jo Salmon Mark Dikeman
Perry Waller Laura Wright

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Third Sunday of Easter



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People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.