

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *Air de ballet (Opus 123, no. 11) by Cécile Chaminade*

Jo-Ann Odonkor

Opening Prayer

Theo Miller

Awesome God, you created the world and all that is in it. You blessed each element of creation with your love. You called us from slavery into witness and service. Be with us this day as we gather to worship. Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in. Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service. For we offer this prayer in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn *What Gift Can We Bring*

UM Hymnal 87

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Harvey Mack

L: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

P: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

L: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

P: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

L: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

P: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.

Kid's Choir

Place in the Choir, by Bill Staines
Accompanied by Mary Cochran
Directed by Terry Dunnivant

See bulletin insert

INTO THE WORD

1 Timothy 6:17-19

*Matthew 6:19-21

Jaedyn Bayless

Daniel Burson

Response to the Word

**Gloria Patri*

UM Hymnal 71

Message

Give: Where Your Treasure Is...

Rev. Christopher Liberati

Receiving of New Members/Confirmands (see bulletin insert)

Jon Butler

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

UM Hymnal 521

Morning Prayer

Allyson Brooks

Lord's Prayer

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:
When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grows.

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth, by John Rutter

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

Joslin Frazer

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting

The Trees of the Field

TFWS 2279

*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on King's Weston arr. by Matthew Compton
Wesley Ringers

Serving in Worship:

Choir Director: Mary Kepple

Sound: Sarah Reed & Anthony Liberati

Live Stream: Carol Moore & Patsy Hommon

Ushers: Lee Rhoades, Susan Snyder, Larry Yarman

