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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 2025

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WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

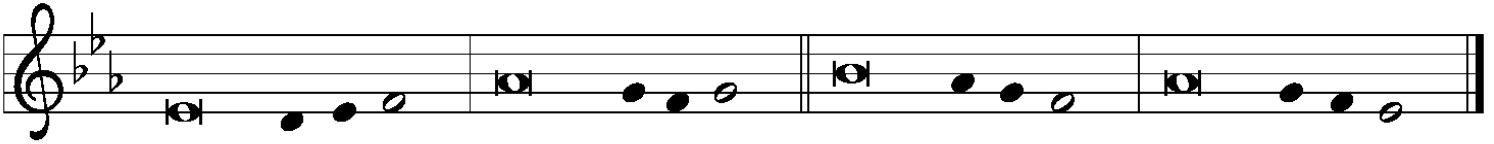
¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 148



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- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD [|] from the heavens;
praise God [|] in the heights.
- ² **Praise the LORD, [|] all you angels;**
sing praise, all you [|] hosts of heaven.
- ³ Praise the LORD, [|] sun and moon;
sing praise, all you [|] shining stars.
- ⁴ **Praise the LORD, heav- [|] en of heavens,**
and you waters a- [|] bove the heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the name [|] of the LORD,
who commanded, and they [|] were created,
- ⁶ **who made them stand fast forev- [|] er and ever,**
giving them a law that shall not [|] pass away.
- ⁷ Praise the LORD [|] from the earth,
you sea monsters [|] and all deeps;
- ⁸ **fire and hail, [|] snow and fog,**
tempestuous wind, do- [|] ing God's will;
- ⁹ mountains [|] and all hills,
fruit trees [|] and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ **wild beasts [|] and all cattle,**
creeping things and [|] flying birds;
- ¹¹ sovereigns of the earth [|] and all peoples,
princes and all rulers [|] of the world;
- ¹² **young [|] men and maidens,**
old and [|] young together.
- ¹³ Let them praise the name [|] of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over [|] earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all [|] faithful servants,**
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. [|] Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

¹ 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

⁵ 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.”

Thanks be to God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

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ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN BY: Betsy Kakoma

THANK YOU TO OUR SERVERS TODAY:

READER: Betsy Kakoma

COMMUNION: Carol Steinman, Nancy Holm,
Lucas Barreto

ACOLYTE: Jake Brucker

CHANCEL CARE: Agatha Barnes

USHER: Nicole Paul

LIVE-STREAMING: Darrell Hoemann

NURSERY: Carol Manley

COFFEE/DONUTS: Kim McFarland & Laurie Johnson

FLOWER DELIVERY: Betsy Kakoma

FOOD DELIVERY: Rick & Cindy Marrs

FOOD PACKING: Carol Steinman

NURSERY ASSISTANT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider adding your name to our list of volunteers that assist in the nursery on Sunday mornings once a month or once every other month. Email Traci at staff@gslc-cu.org. High school aged volunteers are welcome!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
THE MOWING TEAM**

Contact Joe Chamley or
email Traci at staff@gslc-cu.org

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

TODAY @ 10:30AM

GSLC Front Lawn

Games, Special treats, Fun for All Ages!

TABLE TALK PUB THEOLOGY

TODAY @ 6-8PM

Triptych Brewing, Savoy

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday, May 20, 9:30AM

GSLC Choir Room

*Session three on Faithfulness on page 12 from
the Gather magazine.*

CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, May 22, 6PM

GSLC Small Group Gathering Room

WEEKLY EVENTS

PIECEMAKERS QUILT GROUP

Tuesdays, Noon-3PM

GSLC Quilt Room

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

Wednesdays @ 9:30AM

GSLC Choir Room

WORSHIP STAFF

Rev. Pastor Lynette Chapman

Leon Harrell, Musician

Julia Hartman, Choir Director

Katrina Widholm, Program Assistant

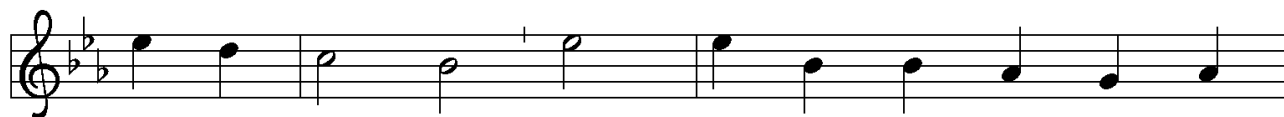
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



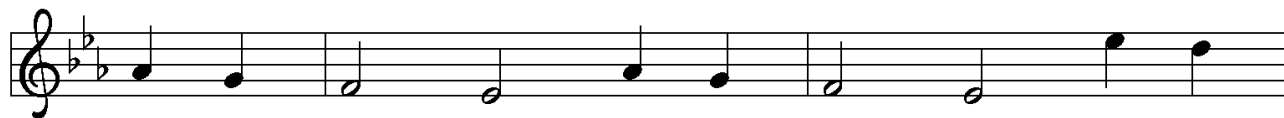
ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958
 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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