

**Grace United Methodist Church – Valley Stream
Order of Worship**

5th Sunday in Easter/ Youth Sunday/ Music Sunday

May 15, 2022

10:00 A.M.

Zoom Meeting ID: 883 84930735 Passcode: 086482

Phone # 1 929 205 6099

Greeting

Opening Voluntary – “Be Thou Us, Loving Spirit” by S. Landon

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

L: As the sun rises in the morning,

P: let all creation worship God.

L: From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,

P: let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord, for God alone is worthy to be praised.

L: God alone makes all things new.

P: All praise, glory, and honor be yours, forever. (AWA, 2022)

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, you meet us where we are. We gather together from many walks of life, but we are unified as one heart in the body of Christ. In our time of worship, open our ears to hear your voice; open our eyes to see your glory; open our minds to receive your word; open our hearts to perceive your presence. Amen. (AWA, 2022)

Opening Hymn #77 – “How Great Thou Art”

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, it's so easy to get lost in the noise and busyness of life. Forgive the times we lose focus and forget the praise we owe you, offering it to the world instead. You alone are worthy of our praise. You alone are worthy of our adoration. You alone are worthy of our love. Creator who makes all things new, renew our hearts and strengthen our resolve, that we may graciously receive what you have in store for us today. (AWA, 2022)

Words of Assurance

When we are thirsty, God renews our souls with living waters. Drink deeply, knowing that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. (AWA, 2022)

Rainbow Ringers – “Fairest Lord Jesus”

by H.A. Hoffman and Fallersleben; arr. by Susan Berry and Janet Van Valey –
~Violin - Timothy Neri~

Old Testament – Poetry – Psalm 148 (Praise for God's Universal Glory)

1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! 4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. 6 He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, 8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! 10 Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! 12 Young men and women alike, old and young together! 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. 14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Choral Selection – “Consecration” by J. N. Beck

New Testament – Gospel – John 13:31-35 (The New Commandment)

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."

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn before Message #389 – “Freely, Freely”

FREELY, FREELY

Message

Pastor Nation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer and Choral Response

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Jesus commands us to love one another. Take a moment and turn to your neighbor, sharing the same love God has so richly bestowed upon each of us.

(AWA, 2022)

Junior Choir – “How're We Goin' to Praise the Lord?” by N. Sleeth

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

Let us be generous in our giving, that others may see in us the transforming power of God. Let us be lavish in our gifts, that others may draw life from the bounty of God’s blessings. (AWA, 2022)

Choral Selection – “He Who Began a Good Work in You” by L. Larson

Doxology - Hymn #95 – “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” *OLD 100th*

Prayer of Dedication

Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary – “Raise A Song Of Glory” by L. Smith

Liturgist: Lenore Kurz

Readers: Jaxson Baptichon and Kelmani Sygapolho



Prayer List. ♦†Virginia Barone (great aunt of Lisa Becker), ♦†♥Barbara Gilbert Thomsen (aunt of DebbieLee Thomsen), ♦†Kris Thomsen (cousin of DebbieLee Thomsen), ♦♥Family of Barbara Gilbert Thomsen and Kris Thomsen (Gilbert and Tammy Jane Thomsen Stockton), ♦♥Jim Poch, ♥Christine Doeringer, ♥Rasheen Rutledge (cousin of Naomi Brown), ♥Richard Keller (son of Bert Keller), ♥Lisel (daughter of Evelyn Neber), ♥Carolyn O’Loughlin, ♥Our Military men and women here and abroad, ♥Mason Baker (cousin of Debbie Nicosia), ♥Sherry Schutt (niece of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Thornton Stone (father of Brian Stone), ♥People of Ukraine, ♥Roael Cooke (brother-in-law of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Ramona Morrison (daughter of Margo and Vincent Morrison), ♥Averil Wallace (relative of Earl Boyd), ♥Neil Allen (son-in-law of Margo and Vincent Morrison), ♥Pastor Nation, ♥Walter McKnight, ♥Coleen Murray, ♥Velda Mathis (sister-in-law of Marianne Pike), ♥Maria Smith (mother of Rebecca Heyward), ♥Kenneth Richardson, ♥Kris Thomsen (cousin of DebbieLee Thomsen), ♥Nancy Roman (friend of Sing Larson), Emilia Peebles (granddaughter of Debbie and Joe Nicosia), ♥Alice Shubrick (friend of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Susan Short and her daughter ♥Sarah Short (friends of Nancy Wasek), ♥Faith Pollack (friend of Sing Larson), ♥Pearl Hamilton, ♥Charles Zipperlen, ♥Anne Mahoney, ♥Douglas Hayes, ♥Ulysses Ceazer (friend of Svetlana Hamlet), ♥Hensbert Neville Brooks (husband of Mahalia Brooks), ♥Kay Hartmann, ♥All United Methodist Women in Rehabilitation and Nursing Homes, ♥Shirley Shivrattan-Dookhi, ♥Juliana Bonds (sister of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Maudlyn and Keible Scarlett, ♥Amy Cooke (sister of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Bob von Schmid (son-in-law of Adam and Christine Doeringer), ♥Kenneth Kurz (grandson of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Michael Kurz (son of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Airman Jayvee Kurz (grandson of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Elaine Treske, ♥Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske), ♥Margo and Vincent Morrison, ♥Cyril (friend of Pat Eshun), ♥Samuel A. Dorsey (father of David A. Dorsey), ♥David Biegler, ♥Iris Molina, ♥Olga Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Everol Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske), ♥Bill Hammen (brother of Edie Zipperlen), ♥Rondolph Ives (brother of Margo Morrison), ♥Health care workers fighting the Viruses, those who are suffering, and grieving families. **Note.** Prayer List names will continue to be listed for three weeks. After that period of time, the names will be removed unless you call us with current information. † - Death in family, ♦ - New entry



Thank you for the beautiful music today and always.