



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

May 2, 2021

11:00 a.m.

*The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.*

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

*arr. by Lloyd Larson*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word.  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son.  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Elder Greg Maready

*Leader: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great.*

**All: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**

*Leader: Let us worship God today, for God is good.*

**All: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.**

*Leader: Let us worship God today,*

**All: because we are God's people.**

*Leader: Let us worship God.*

\*Hymn #452

**"Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

OPEN THE EYES

Unison Prayer of Confession (*"The Road Ahead" by Thomas Merton*)

**My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going, I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Lord, hear our prayers . .**

**(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)**

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.  
Romans 12:2*

*For we walk by faith, not by sight.  
2 Corinthians 5:7*

*"A discerning community will not rush to judgment, but will know the importance of waiting upon the Spirit in humble expectation, silence, and prayer."*

*Inagrace T.*

*Dietterich,*

*Discerning God's*

*Vision Together*

*"As the church seeks to discern God's vision for its future ministry and mission, the intentional and substantive study of Scripture must be at the heart of the process."*

*Inagrace T.*

*Dietterich,*

*Discerning God's*

*Vision Together*

*"As the demonstration that God's promised future has been set in motion, it is the Spirit who enables the church to abound in hope, to live in joy, to pray without ceasing, to have insight into God's will and purposes."*

*Gordon Fee, God's*

*Empowering*

*Presence*

## Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: God has mercy upon us and hears our confession. In Christ we have the assurance that we do not dwell alone. All who approach God with a desire for wholeness will be filled with living waters, which the Spirit gives.*

**All: Let us be refreshed in our quest to do what is faithful, and be alive with the promise of God's guidance and care. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!**

Gloria Patri

**Glory Be to the Father**

**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.**

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination (from "Listen, God is Calling," a Swahili hymn from Kenya, #456 in *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

**Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy. Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast, walking in your precepts, led by your Word. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson

*Mark 14:32-36*

Elder Greg Maready

New Testament Lesson

*Acts 15:1-21*

Sermon

**"Finding God's Way Together"** Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

**"Be Thou My Vision"** setting by John Rutter

*High King of heaven, my victory won.*

*May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun.*

*Heart of my own heart, whatever befall*

*Still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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

The Affirmation of Faith: *from "A Declaration of Faith" of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

**Jesus Christ is the living Word of God.  
The Word which was with God from the beginning  
was embodied in Jesus Christ.  
We hold that what God says to us and does for us  
centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord  
as he is remembered, known, and expected.  
In Christ God's Word of acceptance takes flesh:  
by grace through faith  
we are set right with God,  
adopted as children of God,  
not because of anything we have done,  
but because of what Christ has done.  
In Christ God's Word of demand is lived out:  
to love God and neighbor as he did  
is what God requires of us.  
The Spirit adds no different Word from God,  
but leads us deeper  
into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ.**

\*Hymn #450 (verses 1, 2, 4)

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

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Benediction

Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.*



*And this is my  
prayer, that your  
love may  
overflow more  
and more with  
knowledge and  
full insight to help  
you to determine  
what is best, so  
that in the day of  
Christ you may  
be pure and  
blameless,  
having produced  
the harvest of  
righteousness  
that comes  
through Jesus  
Christ for the  
glory and praise  
of God.  
Philippians  
1:9-11*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 2	9:00 am	Handbell Ensemble Practice
	9:30 am	Alternative Sunday School Class via Zoom
	10:00 am	Living Stones Children's Zoom Sunday School Class
	11:00 am	Worship--In Person and Live Streamed
Monday, May 3	10:30 am	Circle #1: Room 304
	7:00-8:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday, May 4	10:30 am	Circle #3: Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Circle #4: Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, May 5	10:00-11:00 am	Zoom Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **Please join** the minister for a Zoom Bible Study on either Monday night May 3 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday morning May 5 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. This week we will talk about what it means to be justified (that is, put in a right relationship with God) through faith in Jesus Christ. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom invitation/link.



*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Tom and Dawn Murray to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joey Trammell.*



**May 16**

**Worship led by our WPC Youth  
William Powell, preacher**

**High School Seniors will be honored:**

**Garrett Bullard  
Matthew Coltren  
Madelyn Coombs  
Hill Lanier  
Jane Caroline Minchew  
Henry Moore  
William Powell**

