



The voice from heaven spoke a second time, 'Never consider unclean what God has made pure.'
This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. *Acts 11:9-10*

“God’s Choice”

May 2, 2021

Online greet time 9:15 a.m., worship begins at 9:30 a.m.

5th Sunday of Easter

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Gathering and Praise

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

UMH 304

Call to Worship

One: We come today from different places, different moods, different mornings.

**Many: Some are hectic and rushed, others quiet, perhaps forlorn.
Regardless, we are loved equally in God’s eyes.**

One: We pray for health or happiness; some pray for strength or support.

Many: We pray in joy and hope and longing, and God hears each prayer the same.

*One: We worship with different voices and talents,
and we lift up our hearts united in praise.*

**Many: Each one of us is unique and beloved;
together we praise God who welcomes our worship as one.**

*Hymn of Praise

“Spirit of God”

FWS 2117

Opening Prayer

**Many: Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ
you make all things new.
Long ago you called your church
to a love beyond all social and cultural differences
and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit
to open their hearts to enact such love.
Give us that same spirit of openness,
that we too might discern new directions in our day
for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Special Music

Sharon Yekaldo

A Time for Children

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Hymn of Preparation

“A Place at the Table”

W&S 3149

Sermon

“God’s Choice”

Rev. Marianne Ozanne

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 882

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Gathering of our Tithes and our Offerings

The Doxology

UMH 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

FWS 2257

The Lord's Prayer

Many: 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.

The Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Many: Loving God, we give you thanks
for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us
in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection.
Accept ourselves and our gifts for your mission to heal all creation.
May we be a testament to your love for us
as we share of ourselves in love for you;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Where He Leads Me”

UMH 338

Benediction

Choral Benediction

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

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Postlude

— Worship is over. The service begins. —



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