



**The Order of Worship**

*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

**May 12, 2019**  
**9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .**

*“If you are looking for verses with which to support slavery, you will find them. If you are looking for verses with which to abolish slavery, you will find them. If you are looking for verses with which to oppress women, you will find them. If you are looking for verses with which to liberate or honor women, you will find them. If you are looking for reasons to wage war, you will find them. If you are looking for reasons to promote peace, you will find them. If you are looking for an out-dated, irrelevant ancient text, you will find it. If you are looking for truth, believe me, you will find it. This is why there are times when the most instructive question to bring to the text is not “what does it say”, but “what am I looking for?” I suspect Jesus knew this when he said, “ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened.” If you want to do violence in the world, you will always find the weapons. If you want to heal, you will always find the balm.”*

*Rachel Held Evans*

**PRELUDE** Songs without Words, Op. 19, No. 1 Felix Mendelssohn  
 Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum (from *Children’s Corner*) (11:00)

Claude Debussy

Ruth Ann Bendy, Piano

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 23 (King James Version)

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

People: **He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.**

Leader: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

People: **Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

People: **and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

\*HYMN NO. 478 (blue hymnal) Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda anima*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We confess that we panic easily, make decisions based on whims, and often listen to the wrong voices. We forget that you promise to supply our needs rather than satisfy our wants. We confess that we have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Forgive us, gracious God, and in the name of Christ our Savior, restore our souls. Amen.**

\*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O’Carroll

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 10:22-30

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Cameron Sears

*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** (11:00) Adelina and Owen Lewis

**SCRIPTURE READING** Revelation 7:9-17

**SERMON** “Voices and Visions” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

\*HYMN NO. 172 (blue hymnal) My Shepherd Will Supply My Need *Resignation*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ...** The Lord’s Prayer

*During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.*

**THE OFFERING**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.*

*Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

(9:00) Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum Claude Debussy

(11:00) As Truly as God Is Our Father William Mathias

As truly as God is our Father, so just as truly is he our Mother. In our Father, God Almighty, we have our being; in our merciful Mother we are remade and restored. Our fragmented lives are knit together. And by giving and yielding ourselves, through grace, to the Holy Spirit we are made whole. It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood. It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood. It is I, the light and grace of holy love. It is I, the Trinity, it is I, the unity. I am the sovereign goodness in all things. It is I who teach you to love. It is I who teach you to desire. It is I who am the reward of all true desiring. All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well. Amen.

Julian of Norwich

\*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

\*HYMN NO. 387 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us *Bradbury*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (9:00)

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00) The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

\*POSTLUDE *Präambulum ex clave F* Anonymous

(from *The Lüneburg Organ Tablature*)

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Amy Gilbert and Buz Johnson  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR MAY:** Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**PLEASE** place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTE** (11:00): Jacob Phillips

**GREETERS** (11:00): Scott and Linda Rutherford

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Erik Kringen

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Larry Ridley

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Scott Brunger, Cile Mathews

(11:00) Alice and Charlie Mercer, LoAnn Price, Ashley and Scott Porter

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given in memory of Mary McKeehan and in gratitude for her Westminster care givers by Rob and Susan McKeehan.

**OUR THANKS** to Ruth Ann Bendy for her enrichment of our worship this morning.

**DAME JULIAN OF NORWICH**, who is commemorated on May 8, was a fourteenth-century English mystic. At about age thirty, when she became very ill and was not expected to live, she had a series of sixteen visions focusing on the Passion of Christ. Thereafter she became an anchorite, devoting herself to a life of prayer and contemplation but not removing herself from the world (in fact, because of her wisdom she became renowned as a counselor). Her book, *Revelations of Divine Love*, is the product of her meditations on the meaning of her visions. Passages from this book comprise the text of William Mathias’s anthem “As Truly as God Is Our Father.”

Julian sees three properties in the Trinity: “the property of the Fatherhood, the property of the Motherhood, and the property of the Lordhood, in one God.” She describes God’s love for us as nurturing, protecting, and sustaining – traits particularly associated with motherhood. Christ, the second person of the Trinity, she calls “our Mother, Brother, and Savior,” “our precious Mother Jesus,” and “our very Mother in whom we be endlessly borne, and never shall come out of him.”

Our thanks to Bettie Mason for her research and notes on Julian of Norwich.

**THE BIRTH CANDLE** is lit today in celebration of Ethan Campbell Dowty. He was born April 14 to parents Helen and Derek Dowty, brother Hugh and grandmother Rebecca Parker.

**THE ABBEY DEADLINE** is today. Please submit your articles to Debbie Bendy unitedprinters@comcast.net.

**SHOW AND WAMS** will not meet this evening so that we can celebrate with our mothers! Happy Mother’s Day! Next Sunday, we will have our end-of-the-year party with a Parents vs. Youth Kickball game. More information will be in your email early this week!

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** will be held this Tuesday night at 6:30. Human Resources and Connection ministry teams will be providing the refreshments.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will be held this Thursday at 1:30 pm in the SHOW room. Come join us!

**OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE** begins Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and continues through Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

**THE LADIES BOOK CLUB** will be discussing the book *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones. The reviewer is Linda Rutherford All women are invited to attend whenever they would like. We are an informal group who welcome newcomers. We meet in the Church library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:30. For information or questions contact Linda Rutherford

**SCHILLING GALLERY EXHIBIT:** Please be sure and take some time to observe the beautiful new exhibit on display in the Schilling Gallery. Nelson Ziegler, a Sevierville artist, is displaying his watercolor and oil paintings on the walls, as well as his eclectic woodturning pieces in the cases. You will sense his great appreciation of nature in the way he paints outdoor scenes and also creates beautiful vessels made of both familiar and exotic woods. He has participated in numerous juried exhibitions in the Northeast and Tennessee. In 2016 he was chosen the Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage Artist of the Smokies. He is a member of the National Watercolor Society, the New England Watercolor Society, the Oil Painters of America, the North Shore Art Association and the American Association of Woodturners.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019!** VBS will be June 10-13 this summer. All ages of our congregation are invited to join us as we adventure through our “Miraculous Mission” theme! Children 3 years old - 4th grade: come participate in the fun!

- 5th graders - high school: volunteer to help lead the kids in games, songs, and more!
- Adults of all ages: volunteer to lead one of our fun stations (crafts, science, games, snacks, and bible stories), or just be an extra set of hands! This is such a fun and memorable week for our children and all who participate.
- To register a child or sign up to volunteer, please use the following link: <https://vbsmate.com/wpcknox> and click the blue button in the top right corner.

**LEMONADE IN THE SCHILLING GALLERY:** You are invited to sign up in the Schilling Gallery for a date to serve lemonade after the 10:00 a.m. worship service this summer. All the supplies are provided for you. There is minimal set-up and you’re guaranteed to enjoy the fellowship.

**UKIRK MAY FUNDRAISER:** Will you join us in donating \$20.19 to UKirk UTK in honor of the graduating class of 2019? Our staff and Board of Directors are all committed to give, will you commit? We are asking 100 people to donate \$20.19 in order to raise \$2,019 this May. You can mail a check payable to UKirk UTK to 1831 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37916.

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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS**

All Sunday school classes begin at 10:00 a.m. each week.

**Bible Study** - Adult Bible study meets in the library and they are studying the Gospel of John.

**The Wired Word** - Led by a rotating group of teachers, this class takes a look at how scripture addresses current topics. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. The class meets in the Prayer Room.

**Feasting on the Word** - This lectionary-based study provides some background for the scriptures read during worship each week. Also led by a teaching team, this class meets in the McKinnon Room

**Faith and Life** — Penny Tschantz will use her background as a professor to lead us through a study she’s calling Poems of Faith and Doubt. It will include a look at some “religious poetry” from poets such as Emily Dickinson, John Donne, Robert Frost, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and John Milton. Don’t worry if you’re not accustomed to reading poetry — Penny will lead you through. If you’d like a PDF of the poems ahead of time, contact the office.

**KIDS CORNER**

Children’s Sunday School begins after A Time with Children.

Kids 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us downstairs where we will divide into two classes (primary and intermediate).

Crafts and activities will be available during the 10:00 Adult Sunday School hour for children 4<sup>th</sup> grade and under.

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2019**

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

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Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

**Class of 2020**

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Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

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