

# 3rd Sunday of Easter

# Seniors Recognition Sunday

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Classic Worship, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. May 4, 2025

\*The asterisk indicates to stand, as you are able.

Maanifying readers are available in the narthex. Hearing devices are available at the Welcome Desk.

WELCOME Rev. Jay Clark

OPENING VOLUNTARY Processional Rondeau in D Major David Lasky

Sungyun Kim, organ

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Clark

Pastor: Let us worship the eternal God,

the source of love and life, who created us.

People: Let us worship Jesus Christ,

the risen one, who lives among us.

Pastor: Let us worship the Spirit,

the holy fire, who renews us.

People: To the one true God be praise in all times and places,

through the grace of Jesus Christ.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 547 O Church of God, United **AZMON** 

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

Rev. Katye Chambers

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 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. Amen.

\* GLORIA PATRI 70 MEINEKE

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.

**VIDEO PRESENTATION: GRADUATING SENIORS** 

(9:00) BLESSING OF OUR SENIORS

CALL TO CONFESSION Dr. Jeffery Hampton

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge that we can be more isolated than involved, more callous than compassionate, more legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen. Pastor: Hear the good news.

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

\* SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-20

Rev. Clark

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

\* GREETING

**SERMON** 

On the Road Again

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** 

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING** 

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** 

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Chancel Choir

arr. Jack Schrader

Dr. Hampton

\* DOXOLOGY 95 OLD 100th

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

# \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Chambers

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes: And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



#### 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

#### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

\* CLOSING HYMN 540

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

#### \* WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's holy church, and we welcome you to Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

- \* BENEDICTION
- \* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Carillon-Sortie
Sungyun Kim, organ

Henri Mulet

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Jay Clark, Chief of Staff
Dr. Jeffery Hampton, Pastor of Caring Ministries
Rev. Katye Chambers, Pastor of Missions, Justice, & Emerging Ministries
Dr. Frode Gundersen, Director of Music, Worship & Arts
Sungyun Kim, Organist & Associate Music Director

# **ACOLYTES**

(9:00) Clark Stewart, Lucy Ford

### **USHERS**

(9:00) Caroline Beauchamp (*Lead*), Amanda Edwards, Rick Fleetwood, Will Green, Jeff Stotts (11:00) Scott Clement (*Lead*), Edith Bowman, Amy Ezell, David Ezell, Jan Sullivan

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

Cathy Bozynski, Deborah Jackson, Becky McCoy, Delena Rose

# **SOUND**

Charles Cole

#### **COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Columbarium Garden are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eve Yancey by the family of Eve Yancey.

#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Flowers are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of in memory of Dr. Kimberly Adametz in honor of her birthday on May 3 by her mother LaJuana Whyte.

# INSPIRE LOVE. EMBRACE CHRIST. ENGAGE THE WORLD.