

*Service of Worship*  
*May 18, 2025*  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

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*Psalm 148:13: “Let them praise the name of the LORD, for God’s name alone is exalted;  
God’s glory is above earth and heaven.”*

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship *written by Katherine Hawker*

**Jesus offers a new-old commandment, that we should love each other. With the incredible power and the unfathomable depth of God's love for us, we can, we must, love one another. And it is in this our love for one another that the world will know whom and what we worship. Come, children of God, let us love one another.**

Hymn of Gathering #137      *“He Came Down”*

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we confess that our love for each other and our neighbors is too often limited—shaped by convenience, blocked by pride, and withheld by fear. We fail to offer the self-giving compassion that Jesus embodied. We speak harsh words, hold grudges, and turn away from those in need. Forgive us. Help us heal what is broken in us and teach us again the depth of your love, poured out for the world. Give us courage and humility to live as your disciples.**

*Silent prayer*

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 13:31-35

Sermon Rev. Todd Davidson

Music for Meditation

Offering

Doxology – Hymn # 606      *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn of Sending #301      *“Let Us Build a House”*

Benediction