May 4, 2025 Rooted and Grounded World Without End, Love Without End

Worship 9:30am

Farewell Reception 10:30am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER Jan Good-Bollinger, worship leader

*HYMN VT 1 Summoned by the God Who Made Us

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

ANTHEM The Prayer of St. Patrick Children's Choir

Jonathan Wiebe, cello; Janelle Campbell, piano

MOMENT OF WONDER Ruth Harder

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 3:17-19

...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

ANTHEM God of Every Sense LaBarr

REFLECTIONS Erica Penner
Ky Stoltzfus

RESPONSE Lonnie Buerge

Congregation sing when indicated

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

FAITH FORMATION BOARD RECOGNITIONS - presentation of Bibles

3rd Grade: Stone Waltner, Hazel Cesare, and Eleanor Payne

High School: Alex Jantzen, Thuy Ulenhuth, Rory Cropp, and Kate Kaufman

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

SHARING CONCERNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Rainbow by Kacey Musgraves

Tim Waltner

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

Offertory: This Little Light Rainbow Strings

If you would like to take advantage of electronic giving, please find the QR code printed in the newsnotes.

WE RELEASE AND BLESS

BLESSINGS FOR THE JOURNEY

LITANY OF RELEASE

Heidi Regier Kreider

Congregation: With the help of God, we do. We give thanks for faithful and fruitful ministry together. We have shared together in joys and sorrows, in celebration and in struggle. God has been good.

*HYMN VT 846

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

^{*}You are invited to stand

Anthem: Prayer of St. Patrick. by William Shoenfeld

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me. Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger. Christ in hearts of all who love me. Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Anthem: God of Every Sense. Text: Jan Richardson; Music: Susan LaBarr

God of eye and ear, of taste and touch, of smell and of ev'ry sense and source of knowing, bless me not with sight alone.

But bless me also with ears to hear your voice, and tongue to taste your essence, and nose to breathe your fragrance, and fingers to touch your nearness.

God of eye and ear, of taste and touch, of smell and of ev'ry sense and source of knowing, bless me not with sight alone.

With ears to hear, Tongue to taste, Nose to breathe, Fingertips to touch,

And heart to open the door, which is wisdom, which is wonder, which is all.

God of every sense, God of eye and ear, of taste and touch, of all.

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