

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

### ♪ Organ Prelude · Bobbi Hunter

*Come, O Almighty King ...* Donald Rotermund

### Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: In Matthew's gospel, Jesus called together the disciples and a great multitude to a hilly place.

**People: There he touched, healed, and taught.**

Leader: There he spoke, "Blessed are..."

**People: There he named the blessed—the saints of the faith.**

Leader: O God, call us together as you did those so long ago to discover your blessed people.

**People: Today, in this place, Christ, gathers us in.**

### \* ♪ Hymn of Praise · Here in This Place

See page 5 of bulletin.

### Prayer of Confession (responsively)

Leader: Blessed are we when we let go of possessions, for the kingdom of God unfolds in open places.

**People: Woe to us when we gather into barns, for soon this life will be over.**

Leader: Blessed are we who know the ache of hunger, for the empty places in body and soul are the fertile soil for new growth.

**People: Woe to us who fill our lives to capacity, for we fail to recognize what is missing.**

Leader: Blessed are we who know sorrow, for the ache of love lost is witness to the seed planted.

**People: Woe to us who have yet to know the pain of grief, for the fullness of love is woven with sorrow.**

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## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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

\*  **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

\* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### Scripture Reading · Melissa Seaton

Psalms 119:89-96 (pg. 961)

 **Solo** · Julie Larson, Flute

*Let All Things Now Living* ... arr. Joel Raney

Bobbi Hunter, accompanist

#### Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12 (pg. 1501)

#### Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Marie Rico

**"Is the Bible Our Rulebook for Life?"**

2<sup>nd</sup> in the series *Reading the Bible in Healthier Ways*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* **The Apostles' Creed** (see page 7 of bulletin)

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## Offering

Call for Offering

♪ Offertory

*What Shall I Render to the Lord ...* David Cherwien

\* ♪ Doxology

No. 592

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* ♪ **Communion Hymn** · We Come as Guests Invited  
No. 517

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

*All are welcome to take communion.*

*Invitation to the Table*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Words of Institution*

*The Bread and Cup Shared*

*You are invited to hold the bread until all have received it so we can take it together. Please take the cup when you receive it.*

## Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer (sung)

The sung Lord's Prayer is on the laminated card in the pews.

\* ♪ **Closing Hymn** · Christ is Alive!  
No. 108

\* **Benediction**

\* ♪ **Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace  
(inside cover of hymnal)

♪ **Organ Postlude** · Bobbi Hunter

*Gaudeamus pariter ...* Wilbur Held