

Lemberg-Abernethy Pastoral Charge
Easter VI
May 12, 2024

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

* Stand as you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing to our God a new song.

All: God has done marvelous things!

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

All: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

One: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

All: Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

*HYMN#122, MV, This Is the Day

PRAYER OF APPROACH/CONFESSION:

One: Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us.
Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend,
and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world.

All: Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts.

**Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness,
that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us
and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends,
how much more does Christ forgive us!

All: Amen.

*HYMN#580, VU, Faith of Our Fathers

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word,

that we would hear what you have to say to us today.
May your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us;
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM:#818, Psalm 98
SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 10:44-48
GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:19-17

One: This is the Word of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN#641, VU, Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

SERMON:

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Our offering for God's work in the World
Offertory Hymn#537, VU, Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands
Offertory Prayer

One: Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends
and to know your will in the world. Therefore we pray in Jesus' name
that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far.

All: Amen.

Minute for Mission

*HYMN#154, MV, Deep in Our Hearts

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One: We sing for joy, O God, for you are coming to judge the world
with righteousness and fairness between nations and between people.
We pray for the poor and the desperate as well as for those who abuse
and oppress them, both here and abroad. Comfort those who suffer
and chasten those who cause their suffering,
that your justice may be known in all the earth.
We pray for families, communities, and nations
torn apart by violence. Heal the broken places
and imbue your earth with peace. We pray for the sick and the dying,
for those who are friendless and lonely, for those living with grief or depression.
Bring them your friendship and renew their joy.
We pray for ourselves, your church,
that we may bear fruit of peace, hope, and love,
fruit that will last. Now in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,
our friend, and in the Holy Spirit poured out on us,

we sing a new song to praise you for you are doing marvelous things!
We also pray for those who are shut-in, may we be reminded to visit them
and let them know they are not forgotten. As children turn to a mother
who watches over them, let us turn to God saying...

All: Our Father who art in heaven...

WE GO INTO GOD'S WORLD

*HYMN#661, VU, Come to My Heart

*Commissioning

One: May the righteous fairness of God, the loving friendship of Christ,
and the gift of the Holy Spirit go with you all.

Sung Benediction#967, Threefold Amen

*Postlude