

CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC AND WORDS OF WELCOME

Thank you for masking and continuing to keep distance.

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 139

Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.

Kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.

Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.

May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our life.

Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.

**As we grow in faith, trust and love for God, may our worship,
witness and service bring honor to God's Holy Name. Amen.¹**

OPENING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

#77

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE AND REFLECTION

HYMN OF PRAISE

There's Something About That Name

#171

RECOGNITION OF LONG-TIME MEMBERS OF EAGLE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bev McVicker, 80 years;

75+ years – Ramona Knudsen, Connie Jorgensen, Betty Conaway, Margaret Elkin,
and Bernice Pyle

50+ years – see insert Other recognitions – as announced

LITANY OF PRAISE AND THANKS

Almighty God, you have raised up servants to proclaim the gift of redemption and a life of holiness. From the beginning you entered into covenant with the human family.

For our spiritual forbears in the Bible and in the history of the United Methodist Church, we give you thanks.

In their ministries, through their difficulties, and in spite of their weaknesses,

You were their hope and salvation, you led them to create the heritage that is ours.

Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.

We respond with a life of gratitude and devotion, through the church participating in Christ's ministry of grace.

We praise you for women and men, young and old, who give themselves unselfishly for the welfare of Christ's Church.

For commitment and vision, talents, enthusiasm, idealism and dedication in countless members of your Church, God, we give thanks.

We give thanks for the place of our rich tradition among the Body of Christ.

We ask you to give us a new vision, new love, new wisdom, and fresh understanding that we may serve you more fully. Amen²

HYMN OF PREPARATION *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love* #2223

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON pg 12

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION pg 15

The communion elements will be brought to you where you are seated during the hymn of preparation. Take, and you will be guided when to eat and drink. At the close, you may place your napkin and cup in the ziplock, and leave in the trash basket as you leave the sanctuary.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

✠✠ *We follow the light of Christ into the world* **✠✠**

¹ Ministry Matters

² order of worship, Heritage Sunday 2007

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All women are invited to **Women of Faith** (formerly United Methodist Women) at their first meeting **Thursday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m.** Bring a friend, too.

Next Sunday, **May 9**, we will confirm Darci Anderson, Myah Edwards, Tarissa Middleton, Braeden Pamperin, Brooklyn Osborn, and Jersey Willwerth. There will be baskets in the back of the sanctuary if you wish to bring cards and notes for each of them.

How Great Thou Art

Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I
wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain
grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
(Refrain)

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)

When Christ shall come, with shout of
acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou
art!" (Refrain)

There's Something About That Name

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's something about
that name.
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after
the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth
proclaim
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name.

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity
will one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other,
will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land. (Refrain)

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
And we'll guard human dignity
save human pride. (Refrain)

All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
(Refrain)