WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN OF ASSURANCE 'Jesus Loves Me' No. 191

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 'Short Prelude' Friedrich Schneider

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God, the earth and all that it contains is yours. All that we have, we have received by your hands. At this time, we return a portion of what we have been given. Bless these gifts, tithes and offerings to the mission and ministry of this congregation, and to the work of the United Methodist Church in Western Pennsylvania. By this offering, we pray that the name of Christ might be glorified throughout the world. Amen

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'Danish Amen' No 898

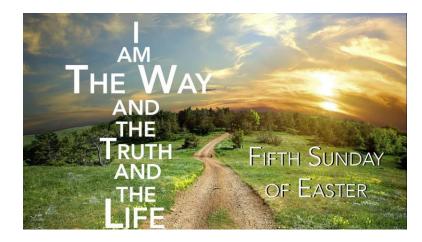
*A-men, a-men, a - men.

*RECESSIONAL 'God Be with You till We Meet Again' No. 672

*POSTLUDE 'Chorale from Suite Gothique'

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask an usher or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us. May God bless your experience in worship with us today. We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:15AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

GATHERING WORDS

PRELUDE 'Offertoire su les grand jeux'

Francois Couperin

CHIMES AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN 'Sweet, Sweet Spirit' No. 334

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 22 Leader: You who fear God, praise the Lord.

People: In the midst of the assembly we will praise you, O Lord.

Leader: Those who seek the Lord will offer praise.

People: All the ends of the earth will turn to the Lord. Leader: The coming generations will hear of the Lord.

All: Let us come together and declare the Lord's righteousness.

OPENING PRAYER No. 335

O God, the Holy Spirit, come to us, and among us;

come as the wind, and cleanse us;

come as the fire, and burn;

come as the dew, and refresh;

convict, convert and consecrate our hearts and lives

to our great good and to thy greater glory;

and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

INTROIT 'O How I Love Jesusl' No. 170

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears our minds, and our hearts, **People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.**

CHORAL RESPONSE 'Thy Word' No. 601 (Refrain only)

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

FIRST LESSON 1 John 4: 7-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

'Alleluia'

No. 186

"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Leader: The Lord be with you, **People: and also with you.**

Leader: A reading from the Gospel of St. John.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ

John 15: 1-10

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Leader: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON "Love—Again?"

Dai Morgan

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

GENERAL CONFESSION

Christ our judge, we have strayed from your commandment to love God and to love our neighbor. By our nature, we are selfish. We are quick to condemn. We can be unconcerned and careless in both thought and deed.

Merciful Lord, forgive our waywardness. We too easily forget your word and fail to follow your example. But, we seek your presence. We desire to walk in your ways. Guide us away from the darkness of sin.

Gracious Savior, inspire us to follow the example of your earthly ministry, so that we might love as you loved. Fill us with wisdom and the understanding of your Kingdom. And may the world recognize your Spirit in us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION