

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GRADUATION SUNDAY
MAY 18, 2025, 8:30 AM SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING
(Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad and pass it on to your neighbor)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Spirit of the Living God* Daniel Iverson

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

FIRST READING Acts 11:1-21 N.T. page 122

*PSALTER READING Psalm 148:1-12 UMH 861

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: “The Apostles’ Creed”

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #92 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Heather Connor

ANTHEM 8:30 “The Gift of Love” arr. Hopson
Lessie Polk, soloist

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS
THE LORD’S PRAYER #895

OFFERTORY *How Great Thou Art* Stuart K. Hine

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #430 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT John 13:31-35 N.T. page 101

*GLORIA PATRI #71

WITNESS TO THE WORD “God Things” Ms. Pat O’Cain

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #557 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

RECOGNITION OF PRESENT GRADUATES

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE: *In Christ There Is No East or West* Afro-American spiritual

*Please stand as you are able