

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Visiting Minister: Rev. Ross Smillie

5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Duty Elder: Shirley Tessmer

Musicians: Sheryl Cale, Rosemary Brown

Scripture Reader: Wendy Lowry

*When this symbol appears please stand if you are able

Musical Prelude – Time for Quiet Meditation

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved community, we gather as those who have heard the Spirit's call — to learn, to share, to break bread, and to pray.

We come with glad and generous hearts, ready to be shaped by love.

In the early days of the Jesus movement, people held their lives in common, sharing what they had so none were left out.

May we become such a people — open-handed, open-hearted, and open to transformation.

They devoted themselves to teaching that liberated, to fellowship that healed, to meals that nourished body and soul.

We devote ourselves to the same Spirit of justice, compassion, and joy.

Day by day, they discovered that generosity creates abundance, and that community rooted in love becomes a sign of hope.

Day by day, may we discover the same — that when we share what we have and who we are, we become the Body of Christ alive in the world.

Come, let us worship the One who gathers us, the Spirit who empowers us, and the suffering Love that binds us together.

With glad and generous hearts, we worship God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

*HYMN # 481: *Blest be the tie that binds*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess the times we have guarded our time, our money, our

energy, as if they belonged only to us. We confess the moments when we have turned away from the needs of neighbours, from the cries for justice, from the invitation to deeper fellowship.

Forgive us for forgetting that we belong to one another. Forgive us for the ways we resist the Spirit's call to build a world where all can flourish.

Renew in us the glad and generous hearts that marked the earliest followers of Jesus. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Passing of the Peace

HYMN # 635: *The servant song*

TEACHING MOMENT

*HYMN # 645: *Follow me the Master said*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 (pg 505)

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2: 42-47 (pg 120)

ANTHEM: *Antiphonal hosanna*

SERMON: With Glad and Generous Hearts

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

WE GIVE TO GOD'S WORK

PRAISE RESPONSE #830: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PRAYER FOR OURSELVES & OTHERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN # 648: I'm gonna live so God can use me

*Commissioning and BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: *Go now in Peace*

As God's People: Living with faith, loving without limits

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