

*St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church*

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Sunday, May 18,2025

5th Sunday of Easter

Interim Moderator: Rev. Robert Lyle 902-549-6411

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Music Director: Linda Giddens

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude and Greeting

Responsive Call to Worship:

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the heights!

Praise God, all you angels; praise God, all creatures high and low!

Rulers of the earth and all peoples, praise God’s holy name!

All people together!

With one voice, let us praise the Lord!

Worship in Music: SoG 2– Come, Let us Sing of a Wonderful Love

Prayers of Approach and Confession:

Loving and Holy God, the first and the last, beginning and end of all things, You are worthy of praise from all Your creation. Sun, moon, and stars praise You. Earth, sea, and sky praise You. Every living thing praises You in its own way. And so, we praise You in our human diversity, joining our varied voices with all Your creatures in heaven and on earth. You fill our lives with the wonder of Your love in Christ Jesus.  Your Spirit moves throughout the world to reveal Your purposes for every living thing. Receive our prayers and praise this day, for You are the Source of our life and our hope, Holy God, ever Three and Ever One.  As we praise Your perfection, we recognize our shortcomings and confess to You our sin to begin again with You and one another: Loving God, Jesus commanded us to love one another so the world would know we follow him.  Yet we confess we do not always love one another, as Jesus loves us. The world has seen our squabbling, our history of hypocrisy, and our lack of compassion for those who are in pain. Loving God, forgive us.  Lord Jesus, continue to love us. Holy Spirit, fill us with love, so that the world will witness Your love in our words and actions. In the name of our Lord we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Jesus taught us that no one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. Christ has laid down his life for us and invites us to love one another as he has loved us. Let us rejoice in his forgiving love and share it with each other day by day.

Worship in Music:      SoG 25  - Love Lifted Me

GOD’S WORD FOR HIS PEOPLE

First Reading: John 13: 31-35 Pg.763

Responsive Reading:  Psalm 148

1 Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,

6 and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

9 you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

10 wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

11 kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

12 young men and women, old men and children.

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

14 And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.

Third Reading: Acts 11: 1-18 Pg.779

Sermon:  “Love Without Limits”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Worship in Music:    BoP 447 - O Love that wilt not let me go

Offering and Offertory

The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Prayers of God’s People and The Lord’s Prayer

Confession of Faith: BoP 616 - The Apostles Creed

Worship in Music:    BoP 233 - Love divine, all loves excelling

Benediction and Choral Amen

May is Camp Geddie Month

May 25-Maryann Skinner - Fellowship

June 1 -Bob Lyle – General Assembly Sunday

June 8 -Brad Little- Day of Pentecost

June 15 – Maryann Skinner – Father’s Day