***St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church***

**Interim Moderator:** Rev. Robert Lyle

**Clerk of Session:** Jan Alchorn

**Music Director:** Linda Giddens

**Leading Worship Today**: Rev. Maryann Skinner

**May 25th, 2025 9:30am 6th Sunday of Easter**

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

**Prelude and Greeting**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**let all the peoples praise you!**

Let the earth rejoice and be glad,

**let the heavens declare your righteousness!**

May all people see your glory, O God;

**may your ways be known throughout the earth.**

Let us worship the God who loves us;

**We come to worship with open hearts,**

**to raise our voices with thanks and praise.**

**Worship in Music**: “Prayer of Thanksgiving” SoG 138

**Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

God of promise and purpose,

we greet you this day with thankful hearts. As flowers unfurl and buds open, the beauty of your world lifts our spirits in praise. As children grow and students prepare to graduate, their energy and enthusiasm encourage us toward your future. Your world is full of variety and detail, and we stand in awe of your creative imagination. Send your Holy Spirit anew to us in this hour of worship and show us the promise and purpose in our own lives. May we unfurl with your gift of new life,

and move into the future, renewed by the energy of your Holy Spirit.

**God of diversity and detail,**

**the wonders of your creation amaze us. Yet we confess we often fail to honour its beauty and variety in the details of our lives. When voices differ in opinion, we listen to those we agree with. We fail to honour experience different than our own. We resist calls to honour the earth as if it were ours for the taking. Forgive our narrow perspectives. Open our eyes and our hearts to the pain and perspectives of others, and renew us all with your healing grace.**

**Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus said, “My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Let his forgiveness set you at peace with God and yourself, and make peace with one another. Amen.

**Worship in Music:** “I heard the voice” BP 369

**GOD’S WORD FOR HIS PEOPLE**

**Responsive Reading of Psalm 67** BP 641

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 5:1-5 PG798

**Worship in Music: “**A mighty fortress is our God” BP 86

**Sermon**

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Offering and Offertory**

**The Doxology and Offertory Prayer**

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

**Confession of Faith:** The Apostles Creed BP 616

**Worship in Music:**  “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound” BP 403

 Worship in Music:     This Little Light of Mine

**Benediction and Choral Amen**

**Postlude**

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