

**Order of Worship**  
**April 24, 2016 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Introit

Welcome & Announcements

**PRAISE AND ADORATION**

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 148:1-5 & 13)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

**People: Let us also praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

\*Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" # 473

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**O God, we confess that in our blindness we are not even aware of our sin; in our pride we dare not admit that we speak wrong words and do wrong actions; in our selfishness we can see nothing but our own wills; in our self-righteousness we admit no fault; in our hardness we cease to care for others; in our defiance we do not regret our own rebellion; in our avoidance we always make excuses; and in our coldness of heart we do not feel your love and care for us. God, we are sinners and without your grace we are lost forever. Be merciful to us and save us from ourselves, for the sake of Jesus who died so that we might live. Amen.**

Confession Response: "**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**" # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

\*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

**HEARING THE WORD**

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Sermon: "Some Other Sheep"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West" # 439

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Reception of a New Member

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

\*Doxology # 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" # 423

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response: "Amen"