

““What God has made clean,
you must not call profane.””
Acts 11:9

Praise the LORD from all
the earth. **Psalm 148:7**

“Mourning and crying and
pain will be no more.”
Revelation 21:4

“Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one
another.” **John 13:34**

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To Our Guests
We are glad you are with
us. Please sign the guest
book by the front door and
fill in a visitor’s card from
the pew pocket. After the
service enjoy a cup of fair
trade coffee with friends in
the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit 379, v. 1, 3, 5

*We shall overcome; we shall overcome; we shall overcome someday.
O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday.
We shall live in peace ...
God will see us through (today)...*

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Vision Casting

***Hymn 375**

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Prayer for Vision Casting

Dream lofty dreams, and as you dream,
so shall you become.

Your vision is the promise of what you
shall one day be; your ideal is the
prophecy of what you shall at last unveil.

Response 372

“O for a World”

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 240,** refrain (3x)

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

Blessing the World

Brazil

+Response 623, v. 3

*I’ve got love like a ocean; I’ve got love like a ocean;
I’ve got love like a ocean in my soul. (Repeat)*

First Pew

+Response 623, v. 3

*I’ve got love like a ocean; I’ve got love like a ocean;
I’ve got love like a ocean in my soul. (Repeat)*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Revelation 21:1-4

Sermon

“Vision Casting”

***Hymn 376**

“When All Is Ended”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Graduate Recognition

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Fall Slow Tears,” *Ruth Elaine Schram*

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***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord

† † †

***Sending 383,** opening

*Dream on, dream on, children of peace,
till on earth God’s kingdom come.
Hope on, hope on, Easter people:
beyond the cross, a dawning sun.
Mount up, mount up, like an eagle,
to the heights, beyond the clouds.
Dream on, dream on, children of peace,
till on earth God’s kingdom come.*

***Postlude**

Your vision will become
clear only when you can
look into your own heart.
Carl Jung

Make your vision so clear
that your fears become ir-
relevant. **Kerwin Rae**

The best vision is insight.
Malcolm S. Forbes

You cannot cast a vision
that has not cast a spell
over you. **Derwin L. Gray**

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Prayer for Vision Casting
James Allen

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

Prayer for Others
Catherine Kerr

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Sunday, May 18 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1–18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1–6, John 13:31–35

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
- Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom

Tuesday, May 20

- 5:00 p.m. SPC Support Group via Zoom

Wednesday, May 21

- 3:00 p.m. Quaker Mid-Week Worship – Sanctuary / Hybrid
- 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal – Choir room

Friday, May 23

- 5:00 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance (EPYA) Education Seminar – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 25 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9–15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5 John 14:23–29 or John 5:1–9

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
- Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit and the Introduction and Response to Blessing the World are African American Spirituals. The Opening Hymn was written by a Baptist pastor to celebrate the river of life, in contrast to the “river of death” hymns in the early years of the American Civil War. The Response to the Prayer for Wholeness, written by Miriam Therese Winter, is a summons to participate in the building the realm of God on earth as it is in heaven. The Alleluia is from an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary community in Ann Arbor, MI. The tune for the Sermon Hymn is named for Mahatma Gandhi’s guru. The Sending is a future-oriented Korean text.

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Eastertide
Fifth Sunday

May 18, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Vision from the Blue-Plane Window

In the round little window, everything is blue,
land bluish, blue-green, blue
(and sky)
everything is blue
blue lakes and lagoons
blue volcanoes
while farther off the land looks bluer
blue islands in a blue lake.
This is the face of the land liberated.
And where all the people fought, I think:
for love!
To live without the hatred
of exploitation.
To love one another in a beautiful land
so beautiful, not only in itself
but because of the people in it,
above all because of the people in it.
That’s why God gave us this beautiful land
for the society in it.
And in all those blue places they fought, suffered
for a society of love
here in this land.

One patch of blue looks more intense...
And I thought I was seeing the sites of all the battles there,
and of all the deaths,
behind that small, round windowpane
blue
all the shades of blue.

Ernesto Cardenal

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