

“Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” **Acts 7:56**

Be a rock of refuge for me.  
**Psalm 31:2**

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

**1 Peter 2:5**

“If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”  
**John 14:14**

**Preacher**

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

**Assistants**

Kayla Sadat  
Mia Sadat  
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**Accompanist**

Sam Jannotta

**Special Music**

Mary Anne and Than Hitt

**Offertory**

Men’s Quartet

**Tech Support**

Mark Nutwell

**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 411 (2x)**

*God is here today;  
as certain as the air I breathe,  
as certain as the morning sun that rises,  
as certain when I sing you’ll hear my song.*

**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.

**Easter Alleluia**

Lord, the air smells good today,  
straight from the mysteries  
within the garden  
of God.  
*The trees in their prayer,  
the birds in praise,  
the first blue violets,  
kneeling.*

**\*+Hymn 43**

“You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord”

**Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)**

**Kyrie 579**

*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison ...  
Kyrie eleison ...*

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**\*+Alleluia 587 (2x)**

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**Blessing the World**

Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland

**+Response 188, v.1**

**First Pew**

**+Response 188, v.2**

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Psalm 31:1-4

**Sermon**

“Rocks of Refuge”

**\*+Hymn 506**

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Memorial Moment**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Special Music**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

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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 547, v. 3**

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”*

**\*Postlude**

We are Easter people, and we are called to celebrate the whole earth as the body of Christ. **Ilia Delio**

Wisdom comes only when you stop looking for it and start living the life the Creator intended for you.

**Native American saying**

I want to believe that the imperfections are nothing—that the light is everything.

**Mary Oliver**

Restore yourself with reverence for the answered prayer of each breath.

**Chelan Harkin**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

**Easter Alleluia**

Rumi

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Pixie Lighthouse, *adapted*

**Lesson Translation**

New Revised  
Standard Version

**Eucharistic Prayer**

Steve Garnaas-Holmes,  
*adapted*

**Flowers**

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### **Sunday, May 7 • Fifth Sunday of Eastertide**

*Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 12:30 p.m. New Member Class - Classroom 1  
Youth Group Gathering - Downstairs
- 4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal - Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,  
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

### **Wednesday, May 10 - Pastor Gusti at Clergy Women event**

- 10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices (ESP) via Zoom Only  
No Teach the Preacher via Zoom

### **Thursday, May 11**

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

### **Friday, May 12**

- 12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for Prayer via Zoom

### **Saturday, May 13**

- 10:00 a.m. Deacon Shepherds Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Peacefest Concert - Sanctuary

### **Sunday, May 14 • Sixth Sunday of Eastertide**

*Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The late 20th Century Argentinian Introit is popular throughout Latin America. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn was written in response to the death of a friend's father. The Kyrie is a Russian Orthodox chant. The Alleluia is a traditional liturgical text set to a Celtic tune. The Response to Blessing the World and First Pew is a mid 19th Century song of faith. The early 21st Century Sermon Hymn celebrates the radical hospitality of Christ's welcome. The late 20th Century Sending pairs the Aaronic blessing with a Welsh text.

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**Eastertide**  
Fifth Sunday

**May 7, 2023**  
11:00 a.m.

### **Ode to a Silent God**

I would like you to speak,  
but you adorn the morning  
with your silence. One by  
one I place my doubts at  
your feet where they seem  
to disappear. "At your feet,"  
is just a figure of speech.  
I cannot picture you  
in a body. In fact, I have  
no name for you, though I've  
tried hard to find one.  
I surrender body, mind, and  
heart, and then I give  
my needs into the open space  
of your incorporeal embrace.

**Danna Faulds**

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