

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 15, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.
5th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Allegro from Sonata in F Major, K332 (excerpt)*
by W. A. Mozart

WELCOME

A TIME OF CENTERING & STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN *Come down, O Love divine* No. 386

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHORUS *Open the eyes of my heart*

PEACE OF CHRIST

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*
by Stuart Townsend

SCRIPTURE Acts 11:1-18

SCRIPTURE Revelation 21:1-6

HYMN *Give me oil in my lamp* No. 655

SCRIPTURE John 13:31-35

SERMON Visionary ministry

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS *Ruhig Bewegt from Organ Sonata II* by Paul Hindemith

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

HYMN *A new commandment* No. 225

SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr"*
(From my heart I hold you dear, o Lord), BWV 115 by J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise God, all people!

All: Praise the Lord, all creation!

One: Whales doing backflips in the air,
squid and octopi dancing on the ocean floor;

**All: giant redwoods stretching to the sky,
tomato vines cuddling around a stake.**

One: Mountains blocking the sunrise, moles tunnelling through
our front lawns;

**All: 5-year-olds sitting in a story-time circle,
grandparents singing 'their song.'**

One: Redbuds decorating our backyard,
grass growing faster than our children;

**All: seals getting a suntan on the rocks,
teenagers knotted together at church.**

One: Praise the Lord, all creation! Praise God, all people!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Who are we to get in your way, Holy God? We put people into neat, little boxes, but you rip them open, so folks can dance in your joy. We imprison others with our unmet expectations, and you set them free with a Word. We build walls around those we don't know, and you tear them down, so they can run wild in the kingdom. Who are we to get in your way, Saving Power, especially in the way of your forgiveness offered to all! Give us your vision that sees everyone as equal - forgiven, graced, loved - even as we seek to follow our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: We know who God is by the love shown to us in Christ Jesus.

All: We will show others who we are - and Whose we are - by the loved poured out by our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

CHORUS Open the eyes of my heart

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy

Repeat Chorus and verse

Bridge (repeat)

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

I want to see You

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

One: Let us share the peace. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven; give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory;
for ever and ever. AMEN**

SENDING

One: Let us go now to praise God with our hearts.

**All: To see the imagination of God in every moment of creation,
in every person we meet in the days to come.**

One: Let us go now to praise Jesus with our lives.

All: To bring justice to those who are oppressed, to bring hope to those who live in despair and worry.

One: Let us go now to praise the Spirit with our lips.

**All: To speak peace into all the broken places of our communities,
to whisper grace to all those forgotten by the world.**