SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
3rd Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . .
"Be still and know that I am God."

We Come Before God in Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Faber
Piano Duet: Maisie Stone and Marianne Norris

* Call to Worship

L: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
P: Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
L: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
P: One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
Psalm 145:1-4

* Hymn "Praise the Lord! God's Glory Show" No. 33

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of everlasting life,
we confess that we continue in the ways of death.
You offer us your forgiveness,
yet we refuse to forgive others.
You show us signs of resurrection,
yet still we fail to believe.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit
and send us out in mission
to proclaim your reconciling love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Prayer for Children
(Ages K3-K5 may leave for Children's Church)

Little ones to Him belong:
Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen.

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson Psalm 145:10-18

L: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!
P: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
L: To make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
P: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
L: The Lord is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.
P: The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
L: The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
P: You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
L: The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.
P: The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "God Is Our Refuge and Strength" arr. Pote
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson John 6:1-15

Sermon The Gospel of John Dr. Seel
XVIII. Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" No. 494

* Apostles' Creed (Unison)

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 Ghost, 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Prayer (11:00 a.m.) "Alleluia" arr. Fishel
Adult Choir

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" arr. Page

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication No. 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 268

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion.
Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love.
May your peace fill our hearts. May we know the love of Jesus.
By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.

* Postlude "Rondeau" arr. Mouret

* *Congregation Stands*

Please write your request, tear off this form, fold, and place in the offering plate.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Tuesday Morning Prayer Group meets each week at 10:00 a.m. to pray for the EPC family and any other special needs.

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Name and date: (optional)

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(These are kept confidential!)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

If you are visiting today, we would like you to know that it is a privilege to have you with us. It is our hope that you will find a warm welcome and an atmosphere to worship God.

We would love a record of your visit. Please fill out the following and place in the offering plate when passed.

_____
Name

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Address

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Phone Number

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Email Address

☐ 1st Time Visit

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Flower Calendar to place flowers in the Sanctuary during 2025 is on the wall outside of the Church Office. This is a great way to honor or remember someone on a special date.

Fill out the form below, tear off and put in the offering plate.

Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation

May 7, 5:30 pm

Menu:

Pizza, Salad, & Dessert

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Family Name

$5 for ages 5 years & up
$25 Family Cap

Ages 5 & up: # of meals____

You may also sign up on our website: easleypresbyterian.org

Deadline is Noon, Monday each week.

NURSERY STAFF

Valerie Brock & Ella Grace Respass

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Meg Messerich	Mallory & Mike Bowers

SAFE PLACE MONITORS

Stephen Roach and David Owen

MAY USHERS

9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Garrett Charles, Head Eric Dillon, Asst.	Marian Dawkins, Head Larry Keese, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT	VIDEO
Roger Kilpatrick	John Franks

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