



Fifth Sunday of Easter  
A Service of Baptism and Ordination  
*April 28th, 2024*

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GATHERING

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Olivia Lane

*During announcements, the children are invited to gather at the back of the Sanctuary with Dr. Utley as they help prepare our space for worship. As they do, please sign your name and pass the friendship folder to the person next to you to.*

PRELUDE

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*

arr. Carlos Staszkeski

OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Allie Utley

By God's Spirit we were baptized into one body,  
and chosen by God for loving service to the world.

**Let us sing praises to God for making us partners in mission.  
Let us worship God in wonder and joy!**

HYMN\*

*Take Me to the Water*

#480

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Olivia Lane

*Please stand as you are able. Please silence your cell phones.  
Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Francis Lynn Lovelace-Hoffman

RENUNCIATION AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.**

*Apostles' Creed*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM

WELCOME

PRAYER

THE PEACE

...the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Our nursery is available for children under 4, and Pre-K through 4th grade are invited to stay and worship with family, or are welcome to go to Enrichment.*

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bryan Meador

FIRST READING

*1 John 4:11-21 (P.232 NT)*  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Bryan Meador

SECOND READING

*Acts 8:26-40 (P.110 NT)*  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Rev. Olivia Lane

SERMON

*Welcome to This Wide and Wonderful Family*

Rev. Olivia Lane

## RESPONDING

HYMN\*

*O God, You Search Me*

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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACON

There are different gifts,

**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are varieties of ways to serve God,

**But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through people in different ways.

**But it is the same God who inspires a faithful response.**

Each one is given gifts by the Spirit, to use for the common good.

**Together we are the body of Christ.**

PRESENTATION OF THE DEACON

Ordination and Installation

**Deacon**  
Rachel Knorr

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE DEACON

Rev. Olivia Lane

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Tammy Kirk  
Clerk of Session

Do we, the members of the church accept Rachel Knorr as deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

ORDINATION PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Allie Utley

*All ordained ruling elders and teaching elders (Ministers of the Word and Sacrament) are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.*

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Rev. Olivia Lane

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Rev. Olivia Lane

OFFERTORY

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

arr. Donald J. McCollough

## DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERVICE MUSIC

### 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical score for the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/8 time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, in Je-sus-ful-ly known: Cre-a-tor, Word, and Spir-it one. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!"

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1969

MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchen Gesang, 1623; harm. Hal H. Hopson, 1998

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LASST UNS ERBEULEN

LM with alleluia

alternate harmonization, 108

CALL FOR PRAYER

Rev. Olivia Lane

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!**

**Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!**

**Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!**

**O Lord, kum ba yah!**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:*

**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.**

## SENDING

SENDING HYMN\*

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

John Yarrington

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in C Minor*

J.S. Bach