

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

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## GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

*My Vision, My Shepherd*  
Sanctuary Choir

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus reminded the disciples

**People: Love one another as I have loved you.**

Leader: Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love

**People: Love one another as I have loved you.**

Leader: Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

**People: Let us love one another as Christ loved us. AMEN.**

### \*Hymn #384

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### Opening Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.

## PROCLAMATION

**New Testament Reading** – Acts 11:1-18

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

### \*Psalter – Psalm 148

Hymnal, Page 861

### \*Gloria Patri #70

**Epistle Reading** – Revelation 21:1-6

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

### \*Hymn #475

*Come Down, O Love Divine* (vs. 1 & 2)

### \*Gospel Reading – John 13:31-35

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Message

Sermon – “Loved to Love”

Pastor Alan

## RESPONSE

\*Affirmation of Faith #881 – The Apostles' Creed

**Prayers of the People**

*The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:*

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our Prayer.

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon**

\*Passing the Peace

**Offering & Offertory**

\*Doxology (UMH #95)

## THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

\*The Great Thanksgiving (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

## SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn #549

*Where Love and Charity Prevail*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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*\*For those who are able, please stand*