



“From You Comes My Praise: Guide My Steps”

May 2, 2021 - 5th Sunday of Easter

italics = Worship Leader speaks

boldface = All speak (including Worship Leader)

Welcome

Prelude

#35 “We Will Glorify”

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GATHERING OUR STRENGTH

Call to Worship

Pastor: We are a resurrection people! Those who seek new life (pastor continues....)

Dare to Dance Again Music is played (Hum one verse)

Pastor: Dancing requires that we pay attention to the steps (pastor continues....)

Dare to Dance Again Music is played (Hum one verse)

Leader: This is the call! Look to the skies be it rain or shine.

People: We lift up our heads to meet the day.

Leader: Look around and see that you do not dance alone.

People: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

Leader: If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of praise and set out anyway.

People: For we are called to dance again!

Opening Song of Praise (Hum one verse)

#442 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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Opening Prayer

Affirming the Peace Among Us

The peace of the risen Christ is with you!

And also with you!

You are invited to turn to the people around you and wave as a sign of graceful greetings this day.

LEARNING THE STEPS – A Story For All Ages

First Reading: John 15:1-8 (NRSV, adapted)

Second Reading: Acts 8:26-39 (NRSV, adapted)

Sermon

THE BODY MOVES IN RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

“Teach Me to Dance” (Hum one verse)

Leader: For the beauty of the world in all its diversity, (pastor continues....) *Let us pray together:*

People: May our gratitude to you fill our days.

Leader: We need your healing, O Holy One, for our (pastor continues....) *Let us pray together:*

People: Come, O God, and restore our lives.

“Teach Me to Dance” (Hum one verse)

Leader: Be with each of us now. May the (pastor continues....) *Let us pray together:*

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

“Teach Me to Dance” (Hum one verse)

The LORD’S Prayer (Unison)

Offering Our Resources and our Energy

Doxology

Communion

Celebrant: Hear this good news! God has loved you from the very beginning. The invitation of Christ is never-ending. The Holy Spirit is transforming you even now! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen!

The Great Thanksgiving

Jesus is with us!

With us now and forever!

So lift up your hearts and voices!

We lift them up to God!

Let’s join in thanks and praise!

How right it is to do this together!

Holy Living One, You transformed... .. singing a never-ending hymn of praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy! God of power and might, everywhere we see your glory! Blessed are they who come in your name. Hosanna! Alleluia! Amen!

Indeed, you are holy! And blessed... .. my friends, we remember. And we believe:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!

Pour out your Spirit upon us now! Pour out... ..and the Holy Spirit our Advocate.

Amen.

Communion is Taken in Spirit

(No Elements will be served in the sanctuary at this time)

You're invited to dine – and to dance. The table extends beyond this physical space and into the space of the Spirit that unites us. This song of invitation asks us, "Come, won't you dance, come, won't you dine, and take down the wall between your heart and mine?" May we respond with "Yes!" as we receive these gifts together.

Communion Hymn Recording played

"This is the Moment"

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Musicians Lisa Wroth and Patricia Lind*

STEPPING OUT

Weekly Announcements

Song for Stepping Out

#447 "He Leadeth Me" (We will hum one verse)

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Benediction

Postlude

"He Leadeth Me"

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