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Just Peace, Open & Affirming

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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2014

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ring the Bell

Greeting and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Centering Music

"Bell Peal in G"

B. Wayne Bisbee

Wednesday Afternoon Club Ringers

***Call to Worship**

We come from many places to gather in God's name.

We come from journeys of our own, to this place where journeys meet.

We come for refreshment and renewal,

We come for guidance and direction,

We come to take the hand of God, the hands of friends,

So we can journey on together.

***Gathering Song** NCH #524 "This Little Light of Mine"

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Sung Response**

“Be Not Afraid” (2x)

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Sharing Christ’s Peace**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Children’s Message

“Thank You to Our Teachers!”

Sunday School Singers

Sung Prayer for Illumination SPP #37 “Open Our Hearts” (2x)

Scripture Readings

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O God, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, faithful God.

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Acts 16:6-15

Sermon

“God Is In the Detours” Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

***Song NCH #18**

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

Graduate Recognition

Kesia Hanson

Hannah Hannover

Prayers of the People *beginning with “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” (2x)*

The Lord’s Prayer *Please pray the following, or a version most meaningful to you.*

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.

Mission Moment

“Friends for the Journey”

Bill & Sharron Slinger

Offering of Gifts

“Order My Steps” Glenn Burleigh & Jack Schrader

***Sung Response**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Communion Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, for through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.

May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may see you in all places, and feel your touch in all matter.

We bless you for our brother, Jesus, who walks with us on every road, and is made known to us in the breaking of bread.

The Words of Institution

Hear us, O God, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup.

May they become for us your body, vibrant with life, healing, renewing, and making us whole.

Then send us forth as bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

Through you, our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, the Spirit our Sustainer. We offer our lives and our prayers. Amen.

Communion Music

“The Music of Grace”

Joseph M. Martin

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Closing Prayer

Fed at your Table, we are nourished for our journey. Guide us to where we can do the most good, giving us peace and joy and courage for all that lies ahead on the road you have chosen. Amen.

*Song (insert)

“One More Step”

*Blessing

May God guide your feet as you go.

May Christ accompany you wherever you roam.

May Spirit fill your heart, and lead you home.

*Sending Music