

*Today's flowers are given by Danielle Matthews in celebration of Jim Boyle's birthday!*

**Prelude:** "I am His, and He Is Mine" R. Sawyer

**Greeting**

**+ Call to Worship:** from Psalm 148

*Praise the Lord!*

**Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!**

*Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!*

**Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he alone is exalted,  
his glory is above earth and heaven.**

*Praise the Lord.*

**+Opening Hymn:** Hymnal pg. #62

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

**Opening Prayer (Unison):** churchofengland.org

**Creator God,**

**you made the goodness of the land,**

**the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;**

**as we thank you for your gracious providing**

**may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**A Time for Children** Beth Buckley

*~children may be dismissed for Sunday school~*

**Anthem:** "That's When Life is Worth Livin'" D. Besig

**Prayer for Illumination (Unison):** Presbyterian Church USA

**Lord, open our hearts and minds**

**by the power of your Holy Spirit,**

**that as the Scriptures are read**

**and your Word is proclaimed,**

**we may hear with joy**

**what you say to us today. Amen.**

**The Hebrew Scriptures:** Psalm 148 pew Bible pg. #582

**The Christian Scriptures:** Acts 11:1-18 pew Bible pg. #130

**+The Gospel:** John 13:31-35 pew Bible pg. #108

*These words of life proclaim God's awesome love.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon** The Rev. Mary A. Kelly

**+Hymn:** "Spirit Song" Hymnal pg. #347

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Anthem:** "O The Blessedness is Great" C. Dickinson

**Blessing Our Gifts**

**Holy Communion** Setting A Hymnal pg. #17

**The Lord's Prayer** Hymnal pg. #895

**+Closing Hymn:** Hymnal pg. #548

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

**+Benediction:** Colossians 3:16-17

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.*

**+Postlude:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" J. Mansfield

**+denotes standing, as you are able**

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**Ministry Opportunities! The following volunteer help is needed:**

- Church Office coverage Thursday mornings 9-12
- Sunday school assistants
- Sunday morning transportation
- Sunday morning refreshments
- Please see Pastor Mary if you feel called to any of these!

**Today: Volunteers for Chicken BBQ** will meet with Beth Buckley following the service.

**Today: “Explore Buffalo Stained Glass Tour” at 2:00pm.**  
Volunteers should be in sanctuary at **1:30pm** to set up refreshments.

**First Fruits Food Pantry for May:** Peanut butter, tuna, canned tomatoes, green beans, corn, egg crates, paper bags.

Visit our website at [centralparkcomplex.com](http://centralparkcomplex.com) to view the church calendar and all scheduled events.

**Mark Your Calendars!** Weidner Chicken BBQ Fundraiser  
Thursday June 9, 2022, 3:00pm-6:00pm, featuring Serendipity Swing Band.



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*Diane & Ken Thurlow, Clara's Closet Coordinators*  
*Ms. Jackie Paterniti, Floral Arrangements*  
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**May 15<sup>th</sup> 2022**

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

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reaching out to all.*