

Wesley Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday After Easter

May 21, 2017

* please stand as you are willing and able.

Please respond where the print is in **Bold**.

Gathering as People of God

Highlighted Announcements

Opening to Divine Presence

Choral Approach:

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 66:8-12, *The Message*)

One: Blessed our God, O people! Give God thunderous applause!

All: God set us on the road to life! God kept us out of the ditch!

One: God trained us first, passed us like silver through refining fires.
Brought us through hardscrabble country; God pushed us to
our very limit.

**All: We are road-tested inside and out; God has taken us to hell
and back and finally God has brought us to this well-
watered place!**

Invocation Prayer: (based on Psalm 66:16-20, *The Message*)

One: All believers, gather here, and we will listen.

Men: Let us tell you what God did for us. We called out to God.

**Women: We called to God with our mouths and our tongues
shaped the sound of music.**

All: God most certainly listens to our call.

One: God came upon hearing our prayer.

**All: Blessed be God who did not turn a deaf ear. God stays with
us, loyal in love!**

***Hymn of Preparation:** Open My Eyes (#371, Voices United)

(Children to come forward during the last verse)

Reflecting on Holy Wisdom

Children's Time: How Do You Fly a Kite? ~ Michele Braniff

Scripture Reading: ~

Acts 17:22–31

Paul points the Athenians to “the unknown god.”

John 14:15–21

The Advocate, the Spirit, will be with you.

This is the Wisdom of God's People.

Thanks be to God.

Message: A Sense for the Spirit ~ Michele Braniff

Responding to God's Call

Moment for Individual Meditation

Hymn of Response: I Love to Tell the Story (#343, Voices United)

Offertory Prayer:

One: Loving God, we offer tangible gifts and trust in your Spirit

All: We offer gifts, by PAR, in envelopes, by cash and cheque and by these gifts, with all among us as witnesses, we pledge what we place in the offering plate and we pledge ourselves to seek your will. We offer our hearts, and minds and hands to do Your will and in Your service. Amen.

Offertory Music:

***Sung Response:** We Give Thee But Thine Own
(#543, v.1, Voices United)

We give thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O God, from Thee.

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer: (sung) (#960, Voices United)

Going Forth to Share the Good News

***Hymn of Mission:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(#232, Voices United)

***Commissioning & Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there below, around, above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude:

***The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service.
Go In Peace! Amen.***