



Rita Lorenz, Violet lillies grow on a green ground.

“The colour green represents the new life in Christ Jesus which the Holy Spirit helps us to live. The violet colour means the authority which is given to those who love God and trust in him.”

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

Spirit of the Living God

UMH #393

***CALL TO WORSHIP** [From Psalm 148]

Leader: Praise God! Praise the Holy One from the heavens;
praise God in the heights!

All: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Creator,
who commanded and they were created.

All: Praise the Eternal One from the earth, you sea creatures and all deeps!

Leader: Fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

All: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Leader: Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

All: Rulers of the earth and all peoples!

People of every gender, age and race together!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Loving One,
for God's name alone is exalted.

All: God's glory is throughout earth and heaven. Praise God!

OPENING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

UMH #62

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, your greatness is so considerable I'd need a cosmic chorus to proclaim it. If I invited every vocalist in heaven— sun, Mercury, moon, Big Dipper, and all the angels; and I summoned every singer on earth— Humpback whales, the Rockies, apple trees, mice, eagles, kings, presidents, boys and girls, men and women; my glee club would still be powerless to truly proclaim the praise you deserve.

THE BASKET

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halleluja! Halle-lu-ja!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change.

God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

(silence)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Behold: there is a new heaven, a new earth and a new city, where the river of life flows, where the tree of life bears fruit in every season.

This heaven, this city, this river, this tree are a vision of your life reborn, restored, and renewed. Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Beams of Heaven as I Go

UMH #524

SCRIPTURE Revelation 21:1-6

Leader: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals.

All: He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God;

Leader: he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

All: Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

Leader: And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

All: Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Leader: Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

All: To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN**The Lord's Prayer**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING
OFFERTORY**

**Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us
You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high**

Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, you have loved us perfectly in your Son Jesus Christ. Stir up a spirit of gratitude in our hearts, that we may respond in faith. We give you these gifts as symbols of our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will, for the love of all people, in the name of Christ. Amen.

From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

SENDING FORTH TO LOVE

Infinite Love,
you who love me into being each moment,
let me this day flow freely with that love,
for it is not my love I give but yours.
I seek in all and above all to love,
to appreciate, to forgive,
to encourage, to comfort,
to thank, to assist, to bless.
May I choose to be loving
rather than to be right,
to be gentle rather than tough,
to be curious rather than judging,
to meet all with reverence and humility and delight.
And with those whom I cannot love easily,
let me hold and protect with all my being
room for you to love them, even through me.
O Spirit of Love, you who love me infinitely and perfectly,
breathe your love in me.

BENEDICTION

Christ has given us a new commandment:
that we love one another, as Christ has loved us. By this, everyone will know that
we are Christ's disciples, if we share that love with the world.
And through this love, all things will be made new.
Go now, and do as Christ commands. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS May 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS May 19th – 25th

Monday May 19th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday May 20th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday May 21st

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday May 22nd

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Christian Meditation @ 6:30pm

Friday May 23rd

Fiday morning Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on FaceBook

Sunday May 25th

Worship @ 10am

Pastor Ninabeth will be on vacation Thursday May 29th – Tuesday June 2nd

NJCS SEASON FINALE MASTERWORKS CONCERT

Lux Aeterna Masterworks Concert Featuring Faure's Requiem

June 14th, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Westside Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood NJ

Everlasting light, eternal rest, and consolation are woven together in Gabriel Faure's Requiem, an inspiring, world-renowned Mass, sometimes described as a "lullaby of death." Additional musical choices presented reflect on profound meanings of eternal light and the circle of life.

See Lyn Sentkowski for tickets!

The words and music in our liturgy, hymns, and songs are by:

Opening Prayer is written by Chris Altmann. Prayer of Dedication and "To Love" written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes.

Prayer of Confession is written by Rev. Teri.

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