



5th Sunday of Easter
Liturgical colour – White
April 28, 2024

Note: Bold type everyone says together.
***indicates to stand as you are able**

Prelude *Victory in Jesus* arranged by Glenda Austin Denise Jung, piano

Welcome

Unison Land Acknowledgement (on screen)

GOD GATHERS US

Responsive Call to Worship inspired by John 15: 1-8
Like spring breaking through winter's power,
God's resurrecting power breaks into our lives in surprising ways.
Like the vine that supports blossoms and fruit,
God's Word upholds the church in strength.
Let us worship God who makes all things new.
We will praise God who brings growth and renewal to all life.

Hymn VU 333 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Opening Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Love,
we fail to love another fully.
Forgive us for ignoring the needs of others,
and not following your ways.
Forgive us for seeking praise from others,
yet failing to encourage them in their endeavours.
Forgive who we have been, O God,
and root our lives more deeply in your love. *Silent confession*

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Hymn MV 145 "Draw the circle wide" verses 1 & 2 (youth come forward on verse 2)

Youth Connection, Changing the World – Love
followed by the Prayer that Jesus taught us

Hymn MV 145 "Draw the circle wide" verse 3

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD & SONG

Psalm Reading Psalm 22: 25-31 read by Jane King

Music Ministry *You Are the Branches* by Michael Jothen Senior Choir

Epistle reading 1 John 4: 7-21 read by Jane King

Message Love has been perfected

GOD CALLS US TO LOVE and TO SERVE

Offering Invitation

*Offering Hymn VU 543 We Give Thee But Thine Own verse 1

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, we bless you for your gift of life renewed through Christ's love.
Bless the gifts we offer so they renew hope in the world you love, in the name of
your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, our Risen Saviour. Amen.**

Prayers that Unite Our Hearts

The response to today's prayers:

God of never-ending love,
May we abide in your love.

Life and Work of Calvary

Minute for Right Relations

Bill Butt

*Hymn VU 158 "Christ is Alive" verses 1, 3-5

*Unison Commissioning (unity prayer from unity.org)

*Blessing

*Choral Blessing VU 958 Halle, Halle, Halle

Postlude *Crown Him King* arranged by Jolene Boyd

Denise Jung, piano