

**May 2, 2021 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Moravian Music Sunday**  
**Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church**  
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Welcome

Watchword for the Week: Jesus says, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." John 15:4

**Liturgy for Moravian Music Sunday**

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**  
**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

MIT FREUDEN ZART (hymn 537)

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,**  
**the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.**  
**My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills:**  
**to God all praise and glory!**

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

**He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

In him all things in heaven and on earth were created.

**He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to which indeed we were called in the one body.

**Above all, may we clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.**

EDEN (597 B, hymn 774); or REJOICE (151 I, hymn 256)

**Lord Jesus, you are worthy for all on earth to praise;**  
**our hymns in glad thanksgiving in gratitude we raise,**  
**for all you did on Calv'ry when suffering on the tree –**  
**the world from sin's dominion most wondrously set free.**

**And I, unworthy sinner when kneeling at your feet,**  
**can see that my redemption in you is now complete:**  
**in faith I now would serve you through all my earthly days,**  
**and then in heav'nly glory my hallelujahs raise.**

*Lord Jesus, you are worthy* © Albert H. Frank. Used by permission.

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for every good gift. On this day especially we thank you for your creative gift to us, which causes us to enrich our lives and experience through science and art, literature and drama, words and music.

**For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we sing for joy.**

We thank you especially for your gifts to the Moravian Church: devotion to the Savior, simplicity, our strong sense of community and fellowship, and our long-standing dedication to spreading your gospel.

**We thank you for our musical heritage, through which we draw closer to you and to one another.**

Inspire and bless those who write and compose, those who play and sing, those who lead and teach.

**As you have helped us through the centuries to sing our faith, so move within each one of us today, that all our gifts may unite in your service.**

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

**In whose holy name we pray. Amen.**

COVENANT (185 A, hymn 346)

**Lamb of God, you shall remain forever of our songs the only theme;  
for your boundless love, your grace and favor, we will praise your saving name;  
that for our transgressions you were wounded shall by us in nobler strains be sounded,  
when we, perfected in love, once shall join the church above.**

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 22:25-31

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!**

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him

**28 For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**30 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,**

31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Message

Pastor Maggie Wellert

Prayers of the People

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

Doxology: **"For the Life That You Have Given"**

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**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.  
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

**Prayer of Blessing: We give, gracious God, because we are grateful. Your love has sustained us through many trials and temptations. We are thankful for those who have guided our attempts to understand the scriptures. Your loving judgment has provided the pruning our lives require in order to bear fruit. We give in order to extend to others the blessings we have received and to continue the ministry we need as we seek to abide together in your love. Amen.**

**The Service of Holy Communion in Celebration of Unity and Renewal**

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Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**FUREN WIR UNS**

**Come, let us all with gladness raise a joyous song of thanks and praise to God who rules**

the heavenly host, God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And in your love may we abide, estranged from none by wrath or pride, among ourselves at unity and with all else in charity.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. (All partake together of the bread).

Silent Prayer

By your divine presence, By the holy sacraments, By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

**Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.**

In the same way after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. (All partake of the cup).

Silent Prayer

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**Grant us your peace. Amen.**

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,

**Until he comes.**

(Standing)

**Hymn of Renewed Dedication and Unity**

HERRNHUT

**By your reconciling love every stumbling block remove; each to each unite, endear; come, and spread your banner here.**

**May it to the world appear that we your disciples are by our loving mutually, by our Christian unity.**

**Benediction**

**Musical Response (ALL): In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Prayers :** Adam, Katie, Baby Aria, Desmond B, Bilbao Family, Joseph B, Scott and Marsha C, Meredith C, Cascio Family, Rocky C, Pete C, Christopher, Julianna D, Joseph D, Diane, Jessica D, Valerie F, Anna Galicia, Matilde G, Thomas G, Janine H, Jason, Jen, Joe, Diane Gibbons, Bill & Sue G, Henry, Jackie, Janice, Evelyn J, Robert K, Kathy, Kelly, Linda, Giuliana L, Juliana M, Mary M, Susan M, Donna M, Claudia M, Silvia N, Peter, Mary P, Barbara P, Betty P, Thomas P, Karen P, Tom P, Susan P, John P, Mike R, Rob, Rosanna, Sam and all Caretakers, Norma S, Muriel T. (Please contact the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list)

**Fellowship and News of the Church Alive:**

**Sunday school** resumes in-person. **Worship 11am** – please remember to complete AT HOME and bring in a health questionnaire and mask each week. **Crafters** meet outdoors weather permitting on Friday (contact Nancy Walker or Janice Hermansen for details).

**IMPORTANT: We will continue with our in-person activities (following our safety protocol) according to city/state guidelines.**

**Next Sunday, May 9, 2021, we will be welcoming back Pastor Tracy Robinson who will be leading us in our Mother's Day Service.**

**On Sunday, May 16, 2011, we will have Pastor Blondel Grant-Jones who will be leading us in worship for Ascension Sunday.**

**On Sunday, May 23, 2021, we will welcome back Pastor Patricia Honszer who will be leading us in worship for Pentecost.**