

April 28, 2024- Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church

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**Reflection Upon Entering The Pew:**

**From The Daily Text 4/28/24**

*God exalted Jesus Christ even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11*

*Loving God, we pray for your guidance in aligning our hearts to love you and to love others as ourselves. We pray for the strength to love you with every fiber of our heart and soul. Help us to understand that our love for our neighbors is our truest expression of the love we have for you. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Watchword for the Week:** Jesus said, "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

**Call To Worship:**

**Psalm 22: 25-31**

L: From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows.

**A: The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the Lord will praise him – may your hearts live forever!**

L: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

**A: for dominion belongs to the Lord and He rules over the nations.**

L: All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him – those who cannot keep themselves alive.

**A: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.**

L: They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn – for he has done it.

(Please Stand if Able.)

**Gathering Hymn: "To God Be the Glory"**

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**To God be the glory—great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory-great things he has done!**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to ev-'ry believer the promise of God: the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

**Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son: but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory-great things he has done!**

(Please remain Standing if able.)

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 116

**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!**

(Sitting)

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.**

REJOICE, hymn 51

**Lord Jesus, you are worthy for all on earth to praise; our hymns on 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.**

(Please Stand if able.)

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for every good gift. On this day especially we thank you for your creative gifts to us, which cause 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 longstanding dedication to spreading your gospel.

**We thank you for our musical heritage, though 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 HYMN 71

**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.**

(Sitting)

Offering Our Gifts To God

Offertory

(Please Stand if able.)

Doxology: *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

**Prayer of Blessing: (All) What can we offer to you O God, to thank you for your great gift? God, you loved us so much that you sent your son Jesus to us. Your love has guided and sustained us through many trials and temptations. The balm of love was offered for our healing so we might be reconciled to God and one another. We are thankful for those who have guided us to understand your Word. We present our offerings in thankfulness to give to others the blessings we have received and to continue the ministry as we seek to bring ourselves and others together in your love. In your son's name we pray, Amen.**

(Sitting)

### **God's Word For Today**

**1st Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:17-21 God's Love and Ours (Responsive Reading)**

**Pew Bible Page 1281**

17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. **18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.** 19 We love because he first loved us. **20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.** 21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

**The Gospel Reading: John 15: 1-8**

**Pew Bible Page 1130**

**Message: A Call to be a Fearless Lover**

**Pastor Jesus Laguerra**

**Hymn Response to Message: "In Christ There Is No East or West"**

**MBW Page 523 vs. 1, 2, 4**

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north, all Christ-ly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

### **Prayers of The People:**

**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 and ever. Amen.**

(Please Stand if Able.)

**Sending Hymn:**

**"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"**

**MBW Page 544 vs. 1, 3, 4**

Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore you, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;  
hearts un-fold like flow'rs before you, o-p'ning to the sun a-bove.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way;  
giver of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!

Al-ways giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blessed,  
well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!  
Lov-ing Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, let your light up-on us shine;  
teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.

Mor-tals join the might-y cho-rus, which the morn-ing stars be-gan;  
God's own love is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing peo-ple hand in hand.  
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;

joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

**Benediction:**

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

*(Please be seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)*

**Postlude**

## **Great Kills Moravian Church Faith and Family Night**

**Come out with friends and family on May 4th for the FerryHawks Faith and Family Night with Great Kills Moravian Church!**

Gates open at 5:30, the game will start at 6:30 and we will have post-game FIREWORKS!!!

A FerryHawk game is a great environment to hang out with friends and family and to build and grow relationships in a relaxed setting. We will be playing the York Revolution! Tickets will be \$15 and you can add a meal voucher when you purchase a ticket. We also have EXCLUSIVE HAWK CITY GROUP HATS for \$5 as an add on option (see picture on main page). You can add to order after selecting tickets. If you purchase a hat or a meal voucher, you can pick it up at guest services when you arrive at the game. You will get a confirmation email when you purchase tickets, and you can access the digital tickets in that email.

There is a parking garage across the street from the stadium at the Empire Outlet Mall, parking is \$10 on game days.

**To Purchase tickets, use the link below:**

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/GKMC24>

**And follow the step by step directions**

- 1) Click GET TICKETS
- 2) Choose your section, row, and seat locations
- 3) Choose add-ons: meal vouchers or group hat
- 4) Hit REVIEW ORDER & CONTINUE TO PAYMENT
- 5) Enter Information and check out

**Next Sunday, May 5, 2024, we will be celebrating Holy Communion. Please come and join us in the Lord's Supper. We look forward to seeing you.**