

May 18, 2025
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



DONEGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."*
John 13:34 NRSV

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE "Andante" *Felix Mendelssohn*
"As the prelude begins, please observe a time of quietness in preparation for worship."

Gathering in God's Name

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

He is risen!

He is risen indeed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

*HYMN "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #610

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!
- 2 The name of Jesus charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life, and health, and peace.
- 3 Christ speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful weaken to rejoice;
the poor in heart believe.
- 4 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.
- 5 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above
the church in earth and heaven.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION from John 13:34 & Acts 11:9-18

**God of mercy, your command to love one another across all
differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond
with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity.**

Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation.

(Silent Confession)

In Christ's name we pray...

Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

#581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE ACTS Acts 11:1-18 p. 184

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he

had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Brother James' Air"

Gordon Jacob

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:31-35

p. 154

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"To Call Ourselves Disciples"

Matt Randolph

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

#343

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
- 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.
- 3 From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.

- 4 The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.
- 5 O Master, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

O God of love,
raise us to new life in Christ.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional "debts") hymnal p. 35

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"
*Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.*

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Arioso" *J.S. Bach*

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sending in God's Name

*HYMN "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" #757

1. Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our
fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.
2. God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race,
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

3. Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.
4. May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

*BENEDICTION

*EXTENSION OF PEACE

The peace of our Lord and Savior go with you all.
And also with you.

CHORAL RESPONSE "God Be with You" *Dale Wood*

POSTLUDE "Cornet Voluntary" *John Travers*

**All those who are able may stand.*

Reflection for the Christian Life

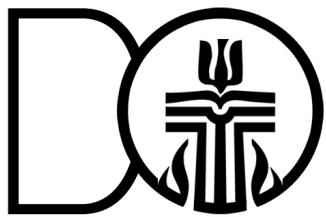
In Acts 11:1–18, Peter, led by the Spirit, discloses God's new directions to heal creation, and the church reconfigures its social boundaries. The Gentiles, who were excluded from the church in Jerusalem because their eating habits were judged to be vile and unclean, are now included by the reconciling work of the Spirit. Where is God's Spirit opening us to new directions in mission this day?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TODAY Sunday, May 18th, Fifth Sunday of Easter**
- **TODAY Sunday, May 18th**, Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This week's snacks are provided by the Choir.
- **TODAY, Sunday, May 18th**, Adult and Children's Sunday School, 10:20 a.m.
- **TODAY, Sunday May 18th**, Celtic Sabbath, in the Fellowship Hall, 11:15 a.m.

- **Monday, May 19th**, Pastor Matt on Vacation through 05/25/2025
- **Monday, May 19th**, Boy Scouts Troop 53
- **Tuesday, May 20th**, Election Day – Fellowship Hall Polling Place, 7:00 a.m.
- **Tuesday, May 20th**, Presbytery Meeting, Columbia Presbyterian Church, Lisa Kuzdro and Sam Jenkins Attending, 9:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, May 20th**, Donegal Outreach Team Meeting, in the Sanctuary, 5:15 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 20th**, Cub Scouts Pack 150
- **Wednesday, May 21st**, Men's Breakfast, Gus's Family Restaurant, 7:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 21st**, Choir Practice, in the Choir Room, 7:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, May 25th**, *Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ Rev. Gabrielle Wiley in the Pulpit*
- **Sunday, May 25th**, Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary, 9:00 a.m.
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