



\*congregation standing; **bold print** indicates congregation reading in unison

PRE SERVICE MUSIC Mark Gourley

WELCOME Drew Herring

PRELUDE *Prelude on Rhosymedre (“Lovely”)* Sanctuary Choir  
(Excerpt) Ralph Vaughan Williams

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 40:28-31) Ethan Stephens  
Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
**God does not faint or grow weary; God’s understanding is unsearchable.**  
God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted,  
**but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.**

\*HYMN 341 *For the Beauty of the Earth* The Church

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Ethan Stephens  
**Whether we are graduating from kindergarten or college, whether we are seniors or senior adults, we believe in the God who has plans for us, plans to prosper us and not harm us, plans to give us hope and a future.**

\*EASTER RESPONSE 195, Vs 3 (tune: REGENT SQUARE) The Church  
**Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. Even when life overwhelms us  
Easter people sing this song: Alleluia! Alleluia! Everlasting Sunday song.**

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

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**Almighty and loving God, we give thanks for the young, vision-filled lives before us. We give thanks for every adult who has loved and cared for them thus far. Holy Spirit descend upon our graduates and go with them on their journey. Draw them out of their comfort zones into new and unknown places. Spirit draw them back to you in every storm and trial. Help them shine the bright light of Christ's love to all they encounter in every place you lead them. Amen**

CHILDREN’S LESSON Jennifer Clatterbuck  
*(After the children’s lesson, preschool children through kindergarten are encouraged to follow their leader to our Extended Session in the preschool area. Grades one and above remain in worship.)*

\*HYMN 283 *Holy Presence, Holy Teacher* The Church

SERMON “*The Story We Tell*” Drew Herring  
Romans 5: 1-5

LORD’S SUPPER Anthem *I am the Bread of Life* Sanctuary Choir  
Suzanne Toulon

\*HYMN 633 *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* The Church

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Mark Mills

OFFERTORY Mark Gourley

\*DOXOLOGY (Tune: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*) The Church  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
O Praise Him! Alleluia. Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*BENEDICTION John Bishop

POSTLUDE *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* Mark Gourley  
GELOBT SEI GOTT Melchior Vulpius; Michael Burkhardt, arr.

Thank you to Aaron McAdams for assisting in worship this morning.

**2023 WMMO UPDATE:**  
Goal: \$20,000  
Given so far: \$16,820.53 (84%)  
  
We will collect until Pentecost, Sunday, May 28th.

**ECHO TRIP MAY 18th**  
The George Falk Flight Center at Averett’s Aeronautics Dept. THIS Thursday, May 18  
Sign up by TODAY.  
Details on the bulletin board.

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