

Bulletin Information  
**May 15, 2022**  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**We Gather to Worship God**

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

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

All: **Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!**

\*Morning Prayer

\*Hymn

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

PH-455

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**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...**

*(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)*

**...we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

\*Congregational Response

*Glory Be to the Father*

PH #579

**We Listen for God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Acts

Acts 11:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm & Psalm Prayer

Psalm 148

One: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.

All: **Praise the Lord, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

One: Praise the Lord, sun and moon;  
sing praise all you shining stars.

All: **Praise the Lord heaven of heavens,**

**and you waters above the heavens.**

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
Who commanded, and they were created.

**All: who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law which shall not pass away.**

One: Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;

**All: fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

One: mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;

**All: wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds;**

One: sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;

**All: young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
whose name only is exalted,  
whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**All: The Lord has raised up strength for the people  
and praise for all faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

One: God Most High, by your Word you created a wondrous universe, and through your Spirit you breathed into it the breath of life. Accept creation's hymn of praise from our lips, and let the praise that is sung in heaven resound in the heart of every creature on earth, to the glory of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forevermore.  
**Amen.**

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson

John 13:31-35

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Grace and Love*

**We Respond to God's Word**

The Sacrament of Baptism

*See Insert*

Hymn

*God Claims You*

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

\*Congregational Response

*Doxology*

Prayer of Dedication

**We Leave to Serve God**

\*Hymn

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

PH-438

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response

*Song of Hope*

PH-432

Postlude

Sermon Text for next Sunday: John 5:1-9

Sacrament of Baptism  
Charlette Della Johansen  
May 15, 2022

Presentation

Question for the congregation:

Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Charlotte by word and deed, with love and prayer.

**We do.**

Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his Church?

**We will.**

Renunciation

Affirmation

One: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated on the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Act of Baptism

Blessing