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Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 AM

***Rejoice in the Rules
Sacrament of Baptism***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Trust and Obey

by Moen

CALL TO WORSHIP²

L: Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.

P: God's love is poured in us from our birth.

L: We are called to extend the love of God to all people.

P: God's loved is taught to us through the witness of God's faithful people.

L: We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.

P: In all creation, in all our relationships, may God's love be made known.

L: Let us pray. God of songs and marvels, old and new, your powerful love for this world continues to astound us. We gather today to recall the love that brought Jesus into this world and into our lives: as Savior, friend and brother. We thank you for welcoming us into your household and for trusting us with your marvelous work to draw all people into the spacious home of your love.

P: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 547** (UM Hymnal, see p. 5)

O Church of God United

***TIME OF CONFESSION²**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call,
but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need,**

**Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.*

wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (see p. 6)

Halle, Halle, Halle

ALL SING: I am the resurrection, live in me. I am the way, the truth, follow me. I am the resurrection, live in me. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(10:30 AM) **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

KJ Hogentogler

Parents: JR Hogentogler & Nichole Blouch

Godparents: Luke & Amanda Flowers

(10:30 AM) **HYMN NO. 325** (black hymnal)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

John 15: 9-17

MESSAGE

(8:00 AM) **HYMN NO. 408** (UM hymnal)

The Gift of Love

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

By Our Love by Christy Nockels

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 2175** (FWS, see p. 8)

Together We Serve

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Classical Postlude

by Hadyn

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<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5925/worship-elements-may-9-2021> on May 3, 2022. The Call to Worship was written by Nancy C. Townley and posted on March 26, 2021 and accessed at

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2749/worship-connection-may-9-2021> on May 3, 2022.

² The Prayer of Confession was originally posted on the PCUSA website, pcusa.org and was accessed at <https://worship.blogspot.com/2014/09/prayer-of-confession-as-you-have-loved.html> on May 3, 2022.

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O Church of God, United

Frederick B. Morley, 1953

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♩ = 80

Piano

1. O church of God, u - nit - ed to serve one com - mon Lord, pro -
 2. From ev - ery land and na - tion the or - dered ranks ap - pear; to
 3. Though creeds and tongues may dif - fer, they speak, O Christ, of thee; and
 4. May thy great prayer be an swered that we may all be one, close

6

- claim to all one mes - sage, with hearts in glad ac - cord. Christ ev - er goes be -
 serve one val - iant lead - er they come from far and near. They chant their one con -
 in thy lov - ing spir - it we shall one peo - ple be. Lord, may our faith - ful
 bound, by love u - nit - ed in thee, God's bless - ed Son: to bring a sin - gle

11

- fore us; we fol - low day by day with strong and ea - ger foot - steps a -
 - fes - sion, they praise one liv - ing Lord, and place their sure de - pen - dence up -
 ser - vice and sin - gle - ness of aim pro - claim to all the pow - er of
 wit - ness, to make the path - way bright, that souls which grope in dark - ness may

16

- long the up - ward way.
 - on his sav - ing word.
 thy re - deem - ing name.
 find the one true light.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Halle Halle Halle

Arr. by John L. Bell

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Piano 


1. I am the res - ur-rec - tion live in me,
2. Hal - le, hal - le hal - le - lu - jah!

5



I am the way, the truth, fol - low me!
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

9



I am the res - ur-rec - tion live in me, Hal-le -
Hal - le - hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le -

13




- lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
- lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Ronald Cole-Turner

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Piano 

1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized with the
2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre - a - tion,
3. Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you are, from
4. Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose

4



Spir - it's sign; With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and
loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and
God you came. Back to God we hum - bly give you; live as one who
child you are. Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God

8



grace di - vine.
laugh - ter lead.
bears Christ's name.
more than all.

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson, 1972

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Though I may speak with brav-est fire,
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

5
and have the gift to all in - spire,
and striv - ing so my love pro - fessl
our spir - its long to be made whole.

9
and have not love, my words are vain,
but not be given by love with - in;
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

13
as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

Together We Serve

Daniel Charles Damon

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love, in - vit - ing God's
2. We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope, a lamp for the
3. We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor, the bus - y, the
4. To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work, re - mem - ber - ing

7
world to the glo - ri - ous feast. We work and we pray through sor - row and
heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine
lone - ly, and all who need care. We of - fer a home to those who will
Je - sus, in whom we grow strong. To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and

13
joy, ex - tend - ing your love to the last and the least.
through un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
come, our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
truth, re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.