

EVENING WORSHIP

May 9, 2021

Five O'Clock

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND NOTICES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 118

Leader: Praise for the break of a setting sun, as it lays to rest across the Easter breeze of springtime.

People: Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol the Lord, all you peoples!

Leader: Praise for neighbors as we worship in the midst of their coming and going.

People: For great is the Lord's steadfast love toward us,

Leader: Praise for the calling of Your creation, from those who chirp, bark, and shout as they pass by.

People: The faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Leader: Praise for gathering us in the name of Your Son, our Lord.

All: Praise the Lord!

OPENING SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

adapted from Jan L. Richardson

Leader: Even when we were dead, Paul writes.

People: Even when we turned away from the One who had created us.

Leader: Even when we lived in the grip of what drew our gaze from God.

People: Even when we were oblivious.

Leader: Even when we followed a path fashioned of nothing but our own desires.

People: Even when we wandered far and willfully away.

Leader: Even when we forgot to look past our own feet and to see the wonders not of our making.

Even when we failed to stand in awe, to breathe thanks, to lean into the love that had waited long for us. (silent prayers)

Leader: Even when, Paul writes.

People: Even when,

Leader: even then:

All: grace.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:4-5a

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND MUSICAL RESPONSE

For the next few minutes, greet one another in a socially distanced manner by asking your neighbor, "Who first taught you about God's love?"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 16:1-16

SERMON

"Junia, Prisca, Phoebe, and Rufus' Mom"

Lori Archer Raible

RECOGNITION OF 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP, PRAYER, AND OFFERING

Text to Give 704-734-9818

During the anthem, please find prayer ribbons and markers in the baskets nearby. As an act of discipleship, mark your prayers, rise and tie your ribbons at the front. Financial offerings may also be received in the baskets or by text.

ANTHEM

*THE LORD'S PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING MUSIC

As you depart please conserve our resources by leaving your marker in the large baskets.

*Those who are able please stand.