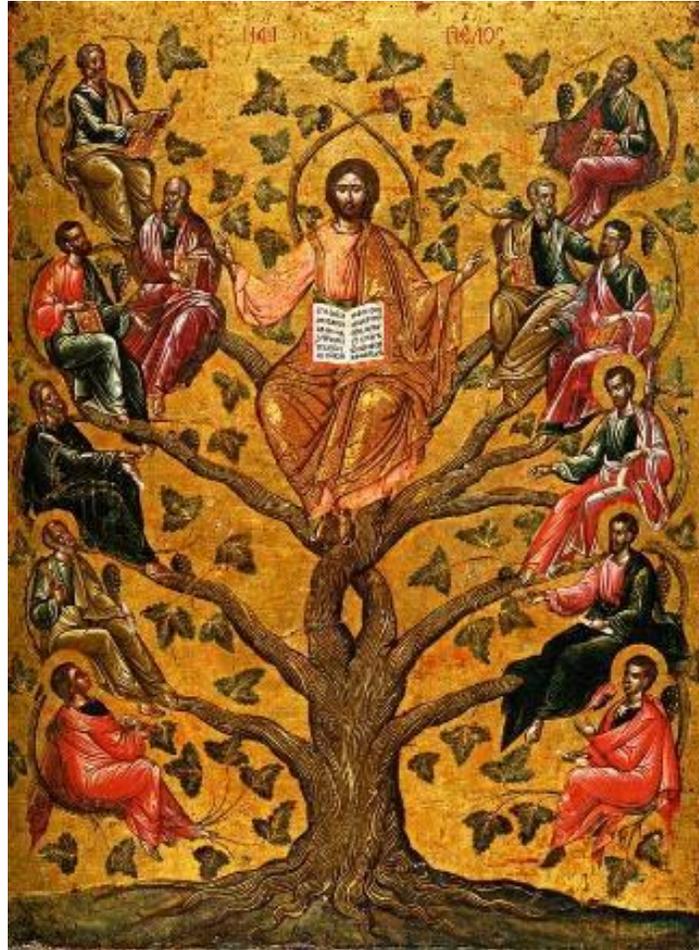


# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021



*We welcome you to our virtual service of worship  
and hope you'll share the good news proclaimed and lived here at Calvary,  
Columbia, Missouri.*

*We look forward to seeing you when we can gather together again in person.  
Until that day, God bless and keep you.*

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*Welcome to Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia, MO. We're so glad you've joined us to worship during this Easter Season.*

*This is a full-service bulletin. If you prefer to use your Book of Common Prayer, the page numbers are listed as well.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Prelude: *Fugue in C Major*

Johann Pachelbel

Opening Hymn: H-379 *God is love: let heaven adore him* (verse 1 and 2)

1 God is Love: let heaven adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation,  
God who spread the heavens above,  
God who breathes through all creation,  
God is Love, eternal Love.

2 God is Love: and Love enfolds us,  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailing grasp God holds us.  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.

**The Opening Acclamation:** BCP, 355

*The Celebrant says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **People: Amen.**

**Gloria S-280** *(sung by the Calvary choir)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may

steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

### **The First Reading**

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. (8:26-40)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 22:24-30. We will read it in unison.

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"**
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.**
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.**

## **The Second Reading**

Lector: A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. (4:7-21)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn:** H-449 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* (verses 1, 5 and 6)

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

5 For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

6 All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore  
forever and forevermore.

## **The Gospel**

Deacon or priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” (15:1-8)

Deacon or priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Homily**

*--- A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.*

**The Nicene Creed BCP, 358.**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Deacon or Priest: “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised.” In the light of resurrection’s power we are given new birth in Christ Jesus. Having been made new let us offer our prayers to the Holy One.

Leader: You who in dawn’s first light summoned creation anew through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead; summon us afresh to be sentinels of light, hope and resurrection that in a world gripped by death, despair and desolation we may be beacons of life, joy and love. Christ be our light.

**People: Shine in our hearts.**

Leader: You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation; dispel the arrogance, animosity and anger that shatters the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth, that we may be made one in faith, hope and love. Christ be our light.

**People: Shine in our hearts.**

Leader: You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise; set us free from enslavement to division, disunity and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision, that they may lead the peoples of the nations to greater unity and concord. Christ be our light.

**People: Shine in our hearts.**

Leader: You who patterned the stars and called the sun in to being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos. Pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender and ethnicity may dissolve into one common humanity. Christ be our light.

**People: Shine in our hearts.**

Leader: You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost and the least; shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful and the suffering especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts [\_\_\_\_\_]. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world. Christ be our light.

**People: Shine in our hearts.**

Leader: You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity the souls of those who have died; welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare and strife. Shine the light of hope on our faithful dead, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts [\_\_\_\_\_]. Christ be our light.

**People: Shine in our hearts.**

Leader: You who delight in the complexity of creation and the splendor of each creature; help us to delight in the diversity of the earth our island home. Inspire your people to care for the earth and its creatures and repent and return when we abuse, misuse and neglect our fellow creatures. Christ be our light.

**People: Shine in our hearts.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal Power, be our strength. Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you. Grant that with all our hearts, with all our minds, and with all our strength, we may evermore seek your presence, and by your infinite love, keep us in your holy presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer. **Amen.**

**The Peace.** BCP, 360

Celebrant: *La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

**Announcements** offered by Calvary's vestry representative, Bob Worley (*see last page*)

*The Celebrant says the Offertory sentence.*

**Offertory Anthem:** *Organ Voluntary, Op. 7, No. 10*  
Jared Shulse, organ

John Stanley

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer B** (BCP, 367)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People – sung by the choir, S-125 in the hymnal*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they  
may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being  
sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection  
under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the  
mother of God, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your  
sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the  
head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and  
glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: *AMEN.*

**The Lord's Prayer BCP, 364**

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### **Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover (S154)**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*The Celebrant continues* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Communion Hymn: H-304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord* (verses 1, 2 and 5)**

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,

5 Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world  
we'll live and speak his praise.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*BCP, 366*

### **Blessing**

The blessing of God the Creator,  
the shalom of God, the Son,  
and the wildness and the warmth of God the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and among you now and always. *(source: Adapted, NZ Night Prayer)*

**Closing Hymn:** H-296 *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*  
(verses 1 and 2)

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,

and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Alleluia!

2 We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia!

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** *Marche pour Entree ou Sortie du Choir* Louis Lefébure-Wély

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### **Calvary's Prayer List**

*New names may be added to the prayer list by emailing the church office.*

Ted, Helen, Madalyn, Lonnajean, Judalyn, Scott, Bob, Barbara, The Abadir Family, Nancy, The Sessions family, Rebecca, Judy, Gary, Chris, Frank, Dale, Heather, Dougie, Delaney, John, Colleen, Paul, Sue, Carolyn, Phyllis, Stephanie, Recil, Gail, Jim, Dana, Julie, Joel, Sharon, Ben, Dan, Kathy, Larisa, David, Bernadene, and Mary J.

**For Health of Body and Soul (BCP p. 460)** May God, the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

For the repose of the soul of Ruth Welliver who departed this life on Thursday,  
April 29, 2021.

## **Calvary Episcopal Church Announcements**

May 2, 2021

**Greetings from the Senior Warden.** I want to provide an update about what the Vestry and folks in the Calvary community have been up to during the time our Church building has been closed. There has been a lot going on and I'm sure I'll miss something important that someone in our faith community has accomplished with God's help and I apologize in advance. It was in March of last year that response to the COVID pandemic required that the Calvary building be closed. Gathering for worship and providing many of Calvary's ministerial services as we had previously known them had to cease and be reimagined for life during a pandemic. Through it all, Calvary has remained a vibrant and active parish.

Here's some of what has happened:

- Mother Valori began her Interim Ministry at Calvary—Welcome to COMO!
- The Vestry met every 2 weeks for a while to plan a COVID response (work continues)
- Zoom worship was initiated (a new experience for all)
- Equipment was purchased for livestreaming worship and livestreams began
- Rite Place gathered outdoors (weather permitting) on Wednesday evenings
- Study groups and book clubs met via Zoom
- The Blessing Box filled with necessities was installed outside the Parish Hall
- Saturday Café was transitioned to Saturday Café to Go
- The Calvary website was reimagined to be more user friendly and contain more content
- Calvary's core ministries were redefined into four categories
- The annual Stewardship Pledge Campaign became ministry based...and virtual
- A Rector Search Discernment Team was formed and began work
- The Calvary Annual Meeting was held via Zoom
- Work with Loaves and Fishes and Room at the Inn continued
- Parish Summits were held via Zoom to help determine where Calvary is as a parish
- Calvary's Advent Bazaar went virtual with great success
- The church's organ has undergone much needed repairs
- Volunteers continued to help with various ministries and their required tasks

- Newsletters were added for Christian Formation and Worship Opportunities
- Additional Worship opportunities were added online: Morning/Noonday/Evening Prayer and Compline
- The Treasurer and Finance Committee worked to keep Calvary's finances sound
- The Clergy and Staff of Calvary kept us moving forward despite COVID challenges

In short, it has been a busy year! We are thankful that God has led us to be His Church through the challenges offered by the pandemic. There are a lot of opportunities to be involved in the life and ministry of Calvary. To paraphrase Bishop Deon, "our building may be closed, but the Church is open." Please keep the Vestry in your prayers as it works to safely open our building as soon as possible. And...thanks for being part of the Calvary community!

**Volunteer Opportunity!** LeeAnn Ball has volunteered to Co-Chair the famous Calvary Advent Bazaar again this year. The Bazaar team did a fantastic job in making the 2020 virtual Bazaar a great success. She is looking for some help and it is never too early to start thinking about the Bazaar. If you didn't know, all the proceeds from the Bazaar go to Calvary's Community Outreach Ministry. It is also a great opportunity to share Calvary's story and mission with folks from outside the parish who visit us on Bazaar day. We hope and pray that the 2021 Bazaar will have both in-person and virtual components. If you are able to participate on the Bazaar team, please reach out to LeeAnn or the church office and we will get you plugged in. This is a great opportunity to participate in one of Calvary's traditions and get involved in outreach ministry.

### **The 2020 Vestry Stewardship Covenant**

Your vestry developed this Stewardship Covenant using a process of spiritual discernment and seeking divine guidance through Scripture and prayer. This covenant reflects where we feel God is leading us as a Vestry in our ministry of stewardship. We make this covenant among ourselves as a vestry and with God as we serve the parish. It is not meant to be a Stewardship Covenant for Calvary Episcopal Church parish as a whole. We pray that all members will prayerfully reflect on our invitation to you within this covenant.

**WE BELIEVE** that God will provide us with what we need. We have faith that God will show us how to use and share our resources with others.

**WE COMMIT** to reflect prayerfully as individuals and as a community to listen to what God is saying to us, trusting in divine guidance. We realize that God values us and knows our needs as individuals and as the church.

**WE INVITE** all to join us in trusting in the promises of God to nourish, protect, and love us, meeting all our needs. God will provide us with the resources to serve our community and all creation; we invite all to join in stewarding these resources for the well-being of our community and the world.

To make your pledge online, fill in the 2021 Pledge Card on the [Stewardship](#) page on our website.



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