

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

"I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next."

– Gilda Radner, 20th century

Today's hymns may be found in The New Century Hymnal (larger black book).

## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Prelude on Rhosymedre" -Ralph Vaughan Williams  
(Hymn No. 426 - "O God, Whose Steadfast Love")

## \*Call to Worship

One: We are gathered to give witness to the enduring realities of life.

Many: We have come to affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.

One: We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ, as we travel life's long journey.

Many: We find God in the paths of our present and our past, but we also trust in God's love in our future.

One: The same God guides us all the way, every day of our lives, and beyond life.

Many: Let us praise God with our whole hearts, and entrust our lives to God's loving care.

\*Hymn "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" No. 18

## \*Prayer of Approach

## \*Passing the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

Many: And also with you!

## Remembering Our Mothers

Anthem "The Gift of Love" -Hal H. Hopson

Gospel Lesson John 14:1-14

Sermon **A Few Last Words**

Call to Prayer (unison) No. 517

I need you every hour O God of grace;

The peace your voice affords, I now embrace.

I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you;

O bless me now my Savior; I come to you.

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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 "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 419

## \*Blessing

\*Choral Response No. 81

God be with you till we meet again, By good counsel guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet:

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you til we meet again.

\*Postlude "Prelude on Hyfrydol" -Ralph Vaughan Williams  
(Hymn No. 355 - "God the Spirit, Guide, and Guardian")