

**May 2, 2021, 9:30 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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**Welcome Guests!** It is a pleasure to have you worship with us today! In the mighty name of our living Lord Jesus, We welcome you to this service of celebration. May you feel Christ's presence, hear his Word proclaimed, and be blessed, and renewed. *The asterisk (\*) Indicates to please stand, if you are able.*  
**Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.**

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### Gathering

#### **Announcements/Joys and Celebrations**

Donations for the **Good Shepherd Food Bank Auburn, Maine**). Our 2021 Local Mission Initiative: \$2500/year, \$50 per week goal.



**Contributions as of 4/25/2021: \$787**

#### **Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**Opening Prayer** Lay Leader

**\* Call to Worship** Lay Leader

One Voice: Beloved, we are gathered together to praise the God of transforming love.

**Many Voices: From the ends of the earth, people remember that love, and turn to God.**

One Voice: Belonging as we do to the family of God, we reach out and invite all to belong as well.

**Many Voices: Heart to heart, we have gathered to worship God, and to proclaim our faith to all the world.**

One Voice: As those who belong to God, we behave like it as we worship and praise God, and because we believe, we proclaim God's goodness.

**\*Hymn:** "God of Love and God of Power" (vs 1, 3, & 4)

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#### **Our Time of Prayer**

Pastor Eleanor

*We come together with prayers of Joy & Thanksgiving, and with prayers for Love, Healing and Wholeness. We come with prayers for ourselves, for others, and with prayer for our homes, and the world around us. Today, is there an experience of God that you might share in praise of God?*

**The Lord's Prayer** (Will be recited during our Thanksgiving and Communion Service)

#### **Responding to God's Grace and the Proclamation of the Word**

#### **Offertory Invitation**

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

Lay Leader

**We give thanks that we belong to your family, O God. We offer our gifts of tangible love, that they may be used to proclaim your good news to all, especially those who feel alone and unloved. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*Special Music –**  
(performed by Don Petersen)

Above All

#### **The Proclamation of the Word**

#### **Scriptures:**

New Testament Reading - 1 John 4:7-21 NRSV pg. 241 Lay Leader

New Testament Reading – Acts 8:26-40 NRSV pg. 127 Pastor Eleanor

May God Bless the reading and hearing of this holy word

**Response: Amen**

### Morning Message

"Belong, Behave, Believe – Sharing Your Faith"

Pastor Eleanor

### Service of Thanksgiving and Communion

(See Bulletin Insert)

Pastor Eleanor  
and Kathy Gerard

\*Hymn: "Go, Make of All Disciples" (vs 1, 2, & 4)

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### Benediction

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**visit our website. Here you will find:**

- A complete church calendar.
- Current and Past Union Rider Newsletters.
- Information on our Memorial Garden for interment of ashes.
- Links to our United Methodist Conference website for current information, programs and events, and news about the United Methodist Church in general.
- A version of our Sunday Bulletin and Insert for each week.

**Pastor:** Rev. Eleanor Collinsworth

**Lay Leaders:** Carol Johnson & Kathy Gerard

**Choir Director:** Don Petersen

**Organist/Pianist:** Gwen Chase **Sexton:** Ernie Merckens

**Office Support Ministry:** Kathy Gerard

*Altar arrangement today is given  
to the Glory of God by:*

*Pastor Eleanor in honor of our Staff Members; Paid and Volunteer*



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a United Methodist Church

**Our Mission** is to live our experience of God's love in all that we say and do...

**Our Vision** is to be a growing spiritual faith community in the manner of Christ, where all are welcome and cared for...