

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *Aria from "Israel in Egypt", G.F. Handel* Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting

Liturgist: Guy Hager

Heavenly Father, we come before You, acknowledging that because of Your love, we no longer see the world as we once did. Thank You for the gift of Christ, who makes all things new. We praise You that the "old" is gone and that through Your grace, we are a new creation.

*Gathering Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UM Hymnal 158

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**

L: The old is gone, and behold, the new has come! We no longer regard anyone from a worldly point of view.

C: God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

L: We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.

C: We are new creations in Christ, called to bring the message of grace to the world.

All: Let us worship the God who has transformed us and entrusted us with His.

INTO THE WORD

2 Corinthians 5:16–20

Lay Reader: Philomena Odonkor

*John 4:5–29

*Response to the Word *Gloria Patri* UM Hymnal 71

Message *Engaging the Lost* Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *There's Something About That Name* UM Hymnal 171

Morning Prayer

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:
When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grow.

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVE

*Apostles’ Creed UM Hymnal 7

Communion service and responses UM Hymnal 13 & 14

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Communion Blessing

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* UM Hymnal 176

*Benediction

Postlude *Crown Him with Many Crowns*, arr. by Jason D. Payne
Janet Guetle

**WE ARE CELEBRATING
CONFIRMATION IN THE
10:45AM SERVICE:**

OUR 2 CONFIRMANDS:

**PHILOMENA ODONKOR
&
NORAH MACK**

