

Traditional Order of Worship
 May 5, 2024
 Worship Series: Draw the Circle Wide
 Message: Ripples of Reconciliation

Prelude *Hosana in the Highest* Franconia Musica

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

*Call to Worship

Pastor: In a world often marked by division and discord,

People: may we work for peace and reconciliation.

Pastor: Just as God, through Christ, reconciled us to Himself,

People: let us also seek reconciliation with one another.

Pastor: Let us embrace the opportunity to mend broken relationships,

People: to extend forgiveness, and to work towards unity and peace.

Pastor: As we lift our voices in praise,

People: may we be instruments of reconciliation in the world.

*Hymn *O, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* (vs 1-4, 7) UMH 57

*Opening Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray

People: Reconciling God,

Send down Your Spirit

so that we may know Jesus

and bear witness to our life and unity in Him.

Strengthen us to work towards peace and reconciliation

in church and society.

Build us together in Christ, and

unite us in Your love. AMEN.

Children's Moment

Linda Biscardo

Prayers of People

Sarah Chambers

Offering

How Great Thou Art/Majesty

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

UMH 95

Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow!
 Praise Him all creatures here below!
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! AMEN

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

New Testament Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Peggy Brown

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Message

Ripples of Reconciliation

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Invitation to Communion

Sarah Chambers

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and merciful God, we come humbly before You,
acknowledging our need for reconciliation in our lives.**

**We confess that at times, we have allowed pride, anger, and bitterness
to hinder the process of healing and restoration in our relationships.**

**We have harbored grudges, held onto past hurts,
and failed to extend forgiveness to those who have wronged us.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of compassion
and understanding towards others.**

**Give us the courage to admit our faults, to ask for forgiveness,
and to offer forgiveness to those who have hurt us.**

**May Your Spirit guide us in the path of reconciliation
that we may experience the freedom and joy**

**that comes from being in right relationship with You and with our neighbors. In
Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.**

Assurance and Pardon

Leader: God's love has been poured out upon us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .

And so, we Your people on earth

and with all the company of heaven

praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.

Holy are You . . . And so, in remembrance
of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

