

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF METUCHEN

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

Call to Worship

***Song & Praise:**

“Great Are You Lord” (insert)

“Lord I Give You My Heart” (insert)

Greeting & Salutation

***We Approach the Lord**

Great and awesome are you, O God! You paint the morning sky with colors of gold, white, and shimmering yellow.

The warmth of the sun covers your earth, giving life and movement to creatures you have created.

Sacred is the work of your hand; holy to you for you are the Maker, the Great I Am.

A multitude of peoples you have created; a vast array of beauty, each walks in splendor, clothed with features and color made to please you.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

A Vision: We are children of God, destined to walk hand in hand; stardust molded and stamped with God’s name on us. None is unclean, unwanted, or inferior. All are God’s.

The city streets, back alleys, highways and byways call out God’s name. None is too far not to know God.

Holy is the One who is, who was, and who is to come; always and forever to be worshipped! Alleluia!

***Hymn 262 “Holy, Holy, Holy”** (red hymnal)

A Prayer of Confession:

Sacred One, at the dawn of time you said, “Let there be light.” In time you created the heavens and the earth. With the stars and galaxies you created this green planet, and on it scores of creatures that have evolved. You put on the face of the earth, *human beings* made to know and love you. Forgive us for failing to see your majesty, forgive us for not loving you; forgive us for not loving one another as we should.

Kyrie (*Lord, have mercy.*)

Assurance of Forgiveness: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

***Gloria Patri**

MUSICAL SELECTION

Prayer for Illumination of the Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 11:1-18; John 13:31-35

Scripture Reflection

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Music

Christie & Leo Poluan, *duet*

Offertory

Offertory Music: Hymn 2 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (red hymnal)

***Doxology and Offertory Prayer**

Prayers for World & Community and The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: “You Are God Alone”** (insert)

***Benediction**

***Parting Music**

* Please stand as you are able.