

Calendar

Sanctuary Flowers
Gifts have been given to the Glory of God and in honor and thanks of our Confirmation Companions; Frank DiSilvestro, William Hunter, Wendell McCoy, and Natalie O’Bradovich.

Worship Notes

***PLEASE BE AWARE** we live stream our worship and our services are video-recorded.

***LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE.** Please ask an usher if you would like to use one during our service.

***CHILDCARE** is provided for all infants and children 6 yrs and younger.

***HEARING SYSTEM** available for those who are hearing impaired. Please ask an usher.

***RESTROOMS** are located in the Narthex, the Connecting Point Hallway, and behind the sanctuary adjacent to the elevator. All restrooms are wheelchair accessible. An usher will be glad to direct you.

****PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE****

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MAY 18, 2025 | CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME Rev. Ed Black

PRELUDE “Concerto No. 3 after Signor Vivaldi: Allegro”
Johann Walther

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 148

The mountains and hills praise God! The trees, wild animals and birds of the air also praise God!
Now it is our turn! Let all rulers, all people, and all ages raise our voices and unite our hearts in praise and in thanks. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of steadfast love and purpose, you know how we love to serve you in the sunshine of success and popularity, and how we shrink away when you ask us to walk through the fire of trial and suffering! God of sacrificial love, forgive how we expect to be honored and appreciated, and resist taking a humble place. Forgive our unfaithfulness and teach us to walk with steady obedience in both joy and suffering, in power and in humility. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose faithfulness unto death is the source of our own salvation. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By God’s Grace we are forgiven of sin and saved.
We are grateful! We will receive God’s grace and let it change us.

Season of Easter; the color of white is the color reserved for the greatest celebrations in the Church’s life.

*When this symbol * precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

A prayer of confession invites us to reflect on God’s purpose for our lives. When we do this, we realize how we have missed the mark. This confession of our failures is not to make us feel bad, but to speak the truth about ourselves. The truth is that we sin. But the greater truth is that when we confess our sin, God’s nature is to forgive so that we are free to try again.

An assurance of pardon is one way of claiming God’s promised forgiveness and grace. We believe that when we repent of our sin and ask God to forgive us that God does in fact forgive us. We don’t need a preacher or priest to ask on our behalf. God deals with us directly as believers who seek to love and to follow.

