

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Listening to God's Story*

Welcome to Church Hill United Methodist Church!  
As we gather in a spirit of worship, we respectfully request that all worshippers be seated and refrain from speaking once the prelude music begins.

**PRELUDE**                      *Spirit of God Lift Me Up*

**WELCOME AND GOD AT WORK IN OUR CHURCH**

**CALL TO WORSHIP\***

Pastor: Come, let us praise God, who promises us forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace.

**People: Let us praise Christ, who is present with us in trial and rejoicing.**

Pastor: Let us praise the Spirit, who encourages us in the struggle for justice and peace.

**People: We sing together in thanksgiving to the one God, with the church throughout time! Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**              *O How I Love Jesus*                      UMH #170

**PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**INTROIT**                      *Glory Be to the Father*                      UMH #70

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL PRAYER** ~ *If you have a prayer request, please wait for the usher to hand you the microphone so that persons watching from home can clearly hear your request.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 11:1-18 (NRSV)

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

**GOOD NEWS**

*God's All-Inclusive Love*

Rev. Nicholas Perez

*Sharing Our Lives with God in Thanksgiving*

**OFFERTORY**            *O Worship the King*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**HYMN**                *In Christ There Is No East or West*            UMH #548

**SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**            *His Name Is Wonderful*

*All are invited to quietly remain and enjoy the postlude. If you must leave before the music ends, please do so quietly.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Nicholas' Contact Information**

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Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 am – 1 pm, or by appointment.

**Church Hill Mask Policy**

Masks are optional for vaccinated persons.

We recommend that unvaccinated persons wear a mask during the worship service.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Finance: Tuesday, May 24 at 7:30 pm

Men's Luncheon Club: Wednesday, May 25 at noontime

Blacksmith Tavern (825 Washington St., Pembroke)

Pentecost Sunday: June 5

Norwell Summer Fest: Saturday, June 11 at Norwell Center from 1 – 7 pm

Annual Conference: Thursday, June 9 – Saturday, June 11 in Manchester, NH

**WORSHIP SERVANTS**

\* Church Council Chair: Harriet Loring

\* Organist: Dan Spahn

\* Scripture Reader: Gerry Ainslie

\* Usher: Betsy Adams

\* Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Perez

WELCOME

CHURCH HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MAY 15, 2022

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 10:00 AM**



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