

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

The Opening of the Scriptures and Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Welcome to Worship Laura Edgar

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PRAISING

The Call to Praise Ron Little

Leader: Come to worship God whose love is revealed in Jesus.

People: Let the ends of the earth give thanks to God!

Leader: Beloved, we are called to love as God loves.

People: We are to love one another as sisters and brothers.

Leader: Christ is the vine; we are the branches.

People: Because we are loved, we dare to love others!

Hymn 457 *Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed* REGENT SQUARE

The Invocation Ron Little

The Scripture Reading *Acts 8:26-40*. Morris Driggers

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Instrumental Interlude

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... SHARING

Prayer Concerns of Our Church and World Tripp Martin

The Preparation for Prayer 389. Medema

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to Your children praying;

Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to Your children praying;

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

The Ministry of Silence

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Tripp Martin

Our Father, which 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.

The Offertory *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Hayes
Bryan King, organ

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PROCLAIMING

Hymn 456 *I Come with Joy*. DOVE OF PEACE

The Preparation for Scripture *God Is for Us*. BEACH SPRING

God is for us! Are you listening to the words the scriptures say?

God is for us, not just sometimes, but each night and every day.

If we falter, if we stumble, if we sin and go astray,

God is for us! There is nothing that will turn our God away!

The Scripture Reading *John 15:1-8* Laura Edgar

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Choral Worship *Train Up a Child* Choplin
Chamber Choir

Train up a child in the way that he should go that he will never depart.

Train up a child in the way and she will grow with the word in her heart.

Feed them truth, guide the way, teach them promises God has made,
that they may live in God's love and grace.

Train up a child as you teach him right from wrong, as he follows the word.

Train up a child as you lead her to be strong, be strong in the Lord.

Feed them truth, guide the way ...

Many voices call, many things may draw them far away.

Though their paths may go far away from home,

the word shall remain, the word will remain in their hearts.

Train up a child; your rewards will go beyond the days you live.

Raise them in love, generations will be blessed by the love that you give.

Feed them truth, show the way, teach them promises God has made,

that they will carry on to train up a child ...

and they will live in God's love forever.

The Sermon. Tripp Martin

Back Home

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE TABLE

The Words of Institution. Tripp Martin

The Breaking and Sharing of the Bread

The Pouring and Sharing of the Cup

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... RESPONDING

Hymn of Commitment 71 SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

This hymn affords all of us a chance to consider our response to today's worship. The minister will welcome you at the front of the sanctuary if you would like to make a public commitment today.

The Reception of New Members

The Introduction of New Members

The Recognition of High School Graduates Laura Edgar

Ella Boone, Michael Cline, Hudson Draughon,

Parker Draughon, Jake Stone

The Spoken Benediction. Laura Edgar

The Sung Benediction *Peace to You*. Murray/Larson

Peace to you, sisters and brothers, peace that no words define.

Christ keep you safe in spirit. Christ Jesus in you shine!

Benevolence Offering

In order to preserve an atmosphere of worship, we respectfully request that all electronic devices be silenced.

The **Lay Worship Leader** for May is Ron Little. Ron grew up in Montgomery, moving to Birmingham just before his senior year in high school. He is married to Susan, whom he met at the University of Alabama. Between college and seminary, Ron worked in the business world and as a Minister of Music/Minister of Youth. After graduating from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he served as a Baptist Campus Minister at the University of Georgia and then as a Consultant in the Collegiate Ministries Department of the Georgia Baptist Convention. When he retired from the Convention, he worked as a hospice chaplain for several years. Ron and Susan joined Auburn First Baptist in 2019 after moving to Alex City. Currently, he is a volunteer hospice chaplain. His primary hobby is lake-time with daughter Stephanie, son-in-law Jesse, and grandchildren Annie and Logan.

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