



**May 5, 2024, 10:30 a.m.  
Sixth Sunday of Easter —  
Baptism of Taylor Roman Weston**

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE Christie Spriggs

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Kathleen Meredith

God calls us to pay attention;

**the earth groans, the seas rage, the birds cry out.**

Creation bears witness! Humanity has not cared for our home as God intended.

**Creation, God hears your cries.**

We gather, and God calls us to accountability.

**Lord of all, open our hearts,**

**that we may hear the sermon creation is preaching.**

\*HYMN “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” UMH 121

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Kathleen Meredith

**Holy Spirit, we hear the cry of your world and the brokenness of humanity. The needs are great, and the burdens seem heavy. Grant us hope for the work of healing. Help us to listen for how we can be a part of your change and restoration in creation. Amen.**

ANTHEM “How Great You Are” Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

BAPTISM OF TAYLOR ROMAN WESTON (see baptism insert)

SCRIPTURE READING Kathleen Meredith

## Romans 8:19-25

<sup>19</sup> For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. <sup>20</sup> Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, <sup>21</sup> the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay. <sup>22</sup> For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> And

we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.<sup>24</sup> We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it.<sup>25</sup> But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God for this Word.**

SERMON A New Creation: "Facing Creation's Brokenness" Rev. Lattig

HOLY COMMUNION

(see Communion insert)

Proceed up the center aisle to receive the bread and the cup. You may pray at the altar rail if you wish and leave your empty cup at the railing.

OFFERTORY

Christie Spriggs

You may place your offering in the plate at the front of the sanctuary or use one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your donation electronically.

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

**Holy Spirit who groans with the earth and with us, receive our offering today and do with it what you will. We trust you to work all things together for good. Show us how to be a part of your amazing, repairing, and redeeming world. Amen.**

\*HYMN

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

UMH 580

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

Christie Spriggs



## **This Week's Schedule**

**Monday, May 6**

**10 Chair Yoga (HH)  
11:30 LWJ Yoga (HH)  
6 Bible Study (zoom)**

**Tuesday, May 7**

**10-3 Life With Joy (HH)  
6 Hypnosis for Health (Med. Ctr.)  
6 Cub Scouts (HH)**

**Wednesday, May 8**

**6 New Sussex Symphony (Sanct.)  
10-3 Life With Joy (HH)  
6 Potluck Supper (HH)**

**Thursday, May 9**

**10-3 Life With Joy (HH)**

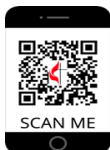
**Saturday, May 11**

**8-12:30 SCYO (HH)**

**Sunday, May 12**

**9-2 Treasures of Hope  
9 Joy Fellowship Service (HH)  
Sunday School (1B)  
10:30 Sanctuary Service/  
New Member: Kathy Stirratt**

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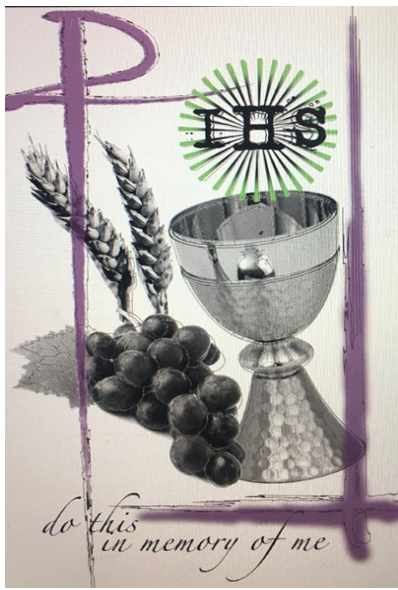
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## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor  
Music Coordinator/Joy Fellowship  
Liturgist  
Greeter  
Camera Operator  
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig  
Christie Spriggs  
Kathleen Meredith  
Fred Fox  
Jen Phlegar  
Jay Morrison



Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you  
with our whole heart. We have failed  
to be an obedient church. We have not  
done your will; we have broken your  
law; we have rebelled against your  
love; we have not loved our neighbors;  
and we have not heard the cry of the  
needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for  
joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
Glory to God. Amen.**

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.**

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.



On the night in which our Lord gave himself up for us he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in unison with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

