

GREENLAND HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Traditional language in hymns and liturgy does not always reflect inclusive language.
You are invited to change references to people and God to more just forms as you sing and pray.*

GATHERING TIME *We welcome all who have come today.*

BELLS *The sanctuary is called to silence.*

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY Rev. Andrew Fiser

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND PRAISE

#2026 (TFWS) Halle, Halle, Halleluja (Trad. Caribbean)

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! 3x
Halleluja! Halleluja!

Thanks and praise to God, Halleluja! 3x
Halleluja! Halleluja.

PRELUDE (9 a.m.) *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* (arr. Carter)

INTROIT (11 a.m.) *Child of God* (Mark Miller) Chancel Choir
You are invited to sing along!

Women: No matter what people say, say or think about me,
I am a child, I am a child of God.

Men: No matter what people say, say or think about you,
You are a child, you are a child of God,

All (to the end): No matter what the world says, says or thinks about me,
I am a child, I am a child of God.

No matter what the Church says, decisions, pronouncements on you,
You are a child, you are a child of God.

And there is no thing or no one who can separate,
they can't separate you from the truth that you're someone, you are family,
you are meant to be a child, a child of God.
You are a child, a child of God!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

Katherine Noll (9 a.m.); Margo Moore (11 a.m.)

One: Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

People: We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

One: Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

People: We abide in love because love abides in us.

One: Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the table to know the joy
that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.

People: We abide in joy because joy abides with us.

One: Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

People: We come to make our home with God and one another, bound
together by love and enlivened by joy. Amen.

***HYMN**

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life
(Herbert; Tune: HENDON #163 UMH)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as conquers death,
such a life as conquers death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes a guest,
such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart that joys in love,
such a heart that joys in love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

(Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters)

People: Easter is such a wonderful season, God. Hope springs anew in our hearts. As the earth is being refreshed by the warmth of spring, so we have been refreshed and made new by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And we want to stay in this euphoria forever. But we don't quite believe that we are capable of actually living our whole lives in your love. So we act in ways that are often neglectful and hurtful of others. We take more time pampering ourselves than we do helping other people. It is easier to justify our selfish desires than it is to witness to your transforming love. Stop us in our tracks, O God. Turn us around. Help us to face our weakness and your forgiving grace. Heal us of our sins and place us again on the paths of peace. We ask this in Jesus' name.

One: The commandment that we have from Christ Jesus is that we love one another, treating each other as beloved sisters and brothers. Abide in God's eternal love. Let its power and joy penetrate your hearts and spirits, preparing you for new growth in the Spirit. Amen.

***RESPONSE #2046 st. 1 (TFWS) Womb of Life** (Duck; Tune: RAQUEL)

Womb of life, and source of being, home of every restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened; you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather 'round you, at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.

CHILDREN'S TIME

***PASSING THE PEACE** *We offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.*

SONG # 2223 st. 1 (TFWS) They'll Know we are Christians by Our Love

(Peter Scholtes)

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love:
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

SCRIPTURE (New Revised Standard Version) John 15:9–17

As the [Parent] has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my [Parent's] commandments and abide in [their] love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you

friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my [Parent]. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the [Parent] will give you whatever you ask in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

SERMON

OFFERING AND REFLECTION *We worship in gratitude and quiet contemplation.*

Jesus Loves Me (arr. Raney)



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***DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH) Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

(Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Communion Setting #2257 (TFWS)

All are welcome to receive communion. You may come to the front to receive a piece of bread to dip into the juice. Gluten-free bread is available.

One: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing. ...join in your unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest (3x). Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest (3x).

One: Holy are you, and blessed ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest (3x).

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit ... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

People: Amen (3x). Hosanna in the highest (3x).

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our †God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy †reign 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.

†Father, Mother, Parent †kingdom

COMMUNION SONGS (11 a.m.) *We sing together in fellowship as we come to the table.*

Come to the Table of Grace (Barbara Hamm)

1. Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

2. Peace 3. Love 4. Joy 5. Hope

Just As I Am, Without One Plea #357 st. 1, 3, 5, 6 (UMH)

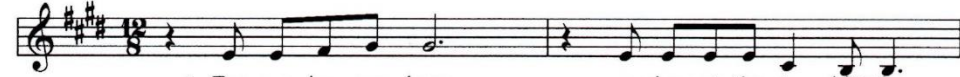
Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy love was set for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down; now, to be
thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

***HYMN For Everyone Born** (Murray; Mann)



1. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
4. For gay and for straight, a place at the ta - ble,
5. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - 'ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread;
a cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - 'ry - one born, a star ov - er - head. And
for gay and for straight, the chal - ice of grace. And
for ev - 'ry - one born, the right to be free. And



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *The Power of Your Love* (arr. Holstein)

**Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

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TODAY

White Elephant Auction Youth Fundraiser, noon, Glory Be Hall

THIS WEEK

Thursday, May 9—Together We Dine, 7:00 p.m., Arapaho UMC

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, May 12—CompassioKNITTERS, 2–4:00 p.m., Glory Be Hall

Sunday, May 19—Pentecost Sunday and Senior Sunday, 9 & 11 a.m.

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Andrew Fiser, Pastor

Kristi Hassell, Minister of Music and Worship Arts

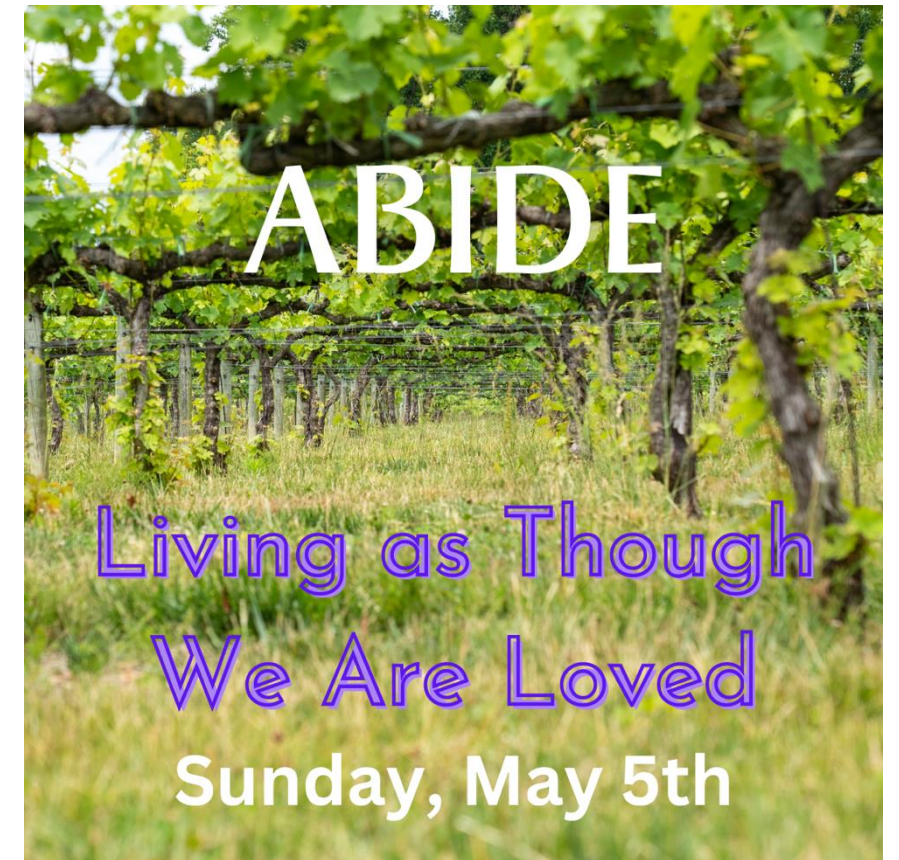
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**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024**

Greenland Hills United Methodist Church

At Greenland Hills, we aspire to be disciples who
are moving toward being

Rooted, and living a life of gratitude and joy
Growing, and living a life of perspective and wisdom
Reaching, and living a life of love.

Our vision is to create a multi-generational community
engaged in advocacy and solidarity
with the poor in resources and the poor in spirit.

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