



Order of Worship for Sunday, May 15, 2022

Graduation Sunday!

Prelude

Welcoming and Announcements

Pastor Sharon Kichline

Our vision is to be a diverse faith family seeking to love, grow, and serve!

Recognizing our 2022 Graduates

Marshall Leister-McCurley	Kindergarten at Gateway Science Academy
Jillian Pallia	Junior High at Parkway Central Middle School
Ridge Bickel	BA from Webster University in Audio in Media Arts
Chloe Ward	BA in Song Writing from Webster University
Julia Haralson	BA in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies with a Minor in Religious Studies, Webster University
Pastor Josh Krakos	BA in Philosophy with an emphasis in Social Justice and Ethics, BA in International Human Rights, Webster University

Centering

*** Call to Worship**

Pastor Paige

Leader: We have been called to walk the faithful road and to choose the way of God's justice.

People: We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good, and that we live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.

Leader: Come together, then, to be God's people. Follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done. Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

People: We will share with others the goodness that we have found in God. May our lives be an expression of that goodness.

*** Welcoming the Light of Christ with Worship & Praise**

Mountain Service Band

*** Opening Prayer**

In Unison

God of Springtime, we give you thanks for May with its blossoms and its rains, for all that is green and alive and growing, and for its celebration of graduations. We celebrate your presence with us on

our journey through life. As we each move forward, help us to be faithful in your ways of love and grace. As we mark the special and important transitions for those among us finishing a season of learning, we praise you for the hope and the life you bring us. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Children, ages 4-6th grade, are invited to join our Pastor up front for a blessing, before moving to the Living Stones Children's Ministry. Families may pick up their children from Fellowship Hall at the conclusion of Worship.

Passing the Peace of Christ Among Us

Please greet your neighbors with a wave and a smile. ☺

Shared Blessing of the Offerings-to-Come

Pastor Sharon

For the gift of this church and its work in the world,
we give thanks.
For the way in which these offerings can embody our welcome to friend and stranger alike,
we give thanks.
For the gift of this community bound and working together,
we give thanks.

Prayers of the People

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, that he power, and the glory forever. AMEN.

Preparing our Hearts

**“For I Know the Plans I Have For You,”
composed by David Schwoebel**

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

John 13:31-35

The Message

“Our Next Step”

Pastor Joshua Krakos

Sending Song

“Days of Elijah”

Mountain Service Band

Benediction

Postlude



*How wonderful to have you in worship with us today!
We are a church family that welcomes you.*