

COMMUNICATE YOUR CARE

Please keep in prayer and reach out to our Members and Friends who are unable join us in person (prayer list is printed inside this bulletin).

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Worship – 10:45 a.m.

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting – Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

Audio Worship Service Line: 1-425-436-6392 • PIN: 796964
(Please dial-in around 10:35 for Sunday Worship. Thanks)



Please visit our Website for listing of Recorded Sermons: Click **VIDEO SERMONS** at bottom of Home page, or the **AV-MEDIA** Tab on the Menu Bar at top. Please tell others. For prayer dial 757-488-6075 or email us.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Pastor Rev. Dr. Luci Fleming
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Church Council Chairperson Mr. Phil Jones
Diaconate Chairperson Mrs. Susie Keele
Ministers..... All the Members



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Portsmouth United Church of Christ








April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Dr. Luci Fleming, Pastor

 If you are able, please stand where indicated by the Dove sign, and please recite the **bold** text aloud.

Order of Worship

- Prelude..... Bryon
-  Processional #4 **“Majesty”**
-  The Call to Worship #637 Liturgist
-  Hymn #174..... **“Open My Eyes, That I May See”**
-  The Invocation Liturgist
- Welcome & Announcements Liturgist
- Offertory Liturgist
-  The Doxology #623..... Old Hundredth

☞ **Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving** Liturgist & All

Creator of all that has been, is, and will be, You are the God who sees us. You are the God who sustains us. How can we ever thank you for all that you have granted us? For you have granted us our very lives, creating us in your own divine image, and calling us good. Thank you for the capacity and the privilege of giving. We humbly ask you to consecrate these gifts for the transformation of lives and communities so that our abundance may be for their need and their need become our abundance.

To you, God, be the glory! Amen.

☞ **Passing the Peace** Liturgist
(Let us celebrate God's love by greeting one another.)

*The Peace of the Lord be with you;
And also with you.*

1st Reading **Jonah 3:1-10** (NRSVUE) Liturgist
*This is the Word of God for the People of God;
Thanks be to God.*

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns Pastor
Intercession #494 **"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

Pastoral Prayer Pastor
2nd Reading **Acts 1:3-8** (NRSVUE) Pastor
*This is the Word of God for the People of God;
Thanks be to God.*

The Message: **"EQUIPPED for the JOB** (Series #4)"

☞ **Commitment (Insert)** **"Order My Steps"**

☞ **Benediction** Pastor

Postlude Bryon

To Our Guests

*Whether you are here for the first time, or you are a regular worshipper with us, we are delighted that you are here!
Please speak with an Usher if you have any needs.
And please come again.*

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Principals for Today's Service

Liturgist: David Renfro

Ushers: Philip Jones and Martin Swain

Steward: Karen Jones; *Greeters:* Phil & Martin

Stewardship Opportunities This Month

(Please use envelopes provided in the pew and designate your gift.)

Benevolence: "UCC Retirement Home"

Funds: Diaconate • Improvement • UCC Disaster

Portsmouth United Prayer Request

Church Family: Pastor Fleming's Family

Church Members: Jacob Elias; Judy Hamilton; Susie Keele; Ernest Malcolm; Dr. Eva Smith; and Louise Twine

Friends: Crystal Hamilton; Thomas (Jacob Elias' brother); and Darlene Washington

Scheduled Meetings and Announcements

May 5: Holy Communion Service

May 12: Mother's Day

May 21: Church Council and Diaconate Meeting (7pm)

May Birthdays: Judy Hamilton (2nd); Christine Hasty (14th)

Altar Flowers

If you would like to have Flowers placed on the Altar to recognize someone, please write down the date, your name, and the person(s) you are recognizing, and give the note to an Usher.