# **Unity Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, April 28, 2024 5th Sunday of Easter

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

Gathering of God's

**Choral Call to Worship** 

Welcome Sherry Davis

**Call to Worship** 

L. Speak to the present, tell future generations:

P. Anyone who loves, knows God.

L. We know how to love because God loved us first.

P. Anytime we love each other, God is there.

L. We are connected to God by love.

P. Anywhere there is love, we live in God's heart.

L. We need not fear, for love triumphs over fear.

P. Any place we see love, we see God.

All: Let us worship the God who is love, and who bids us to love each other.

**Morning Prayer** 

+Hymn of Praise "Bless Be the Tie" (Screen)

+Call to Confession

+Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, you are the vine; apart from you we can do nothing. We live as if this were not true: we entwine ourselves in our own business rather than branching out toward others; because we do not ground ourselves in you, we wither. Lord Jesus, forgive us. Restore us to your abiding love, that we may bear fruit worthy of our calling. (Silence) Amen.

+Assurance of Pardon

+Passing the Peace

Our Life Together Jennifer Baggett Children's Message: Tracey Gregory

Anthem Rachel West

Service of the Word Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: 1 John 4: 7-12

Sermon: "We Love Because" Rachel West

Responding in Faith

+Hymn of Adoration "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

+Affirmation of Faith Joy Darden

**+The Apostles Creed** 

+Gloria Patri

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** 

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings** 

+The Doxology

+Prayer of Dedication

+Hymn of Commitment "Old Time Religion"
Sending Out into the World
Charge and Benediction

**Choral Benediction** 

**Postlude** 

## + Please stand as you are able

We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to know more about us, please ask. We love to share the Unity story.

Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule so we can have a record of your visit.

Children's Bulletins and Clip Boards available in the Vestibule.

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