



**Peace United Church of Christ  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn      “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

For the beauty of the earth For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies.  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour, Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light.  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

**Prayer of Praise and Adoration**

*O God, our spirits continue to soar with the news that Jesus is risen!  
We seek your guidance as we carry the message of hope and new life in Christ.  
Help us to embrace its transforming power in the world,  
to tap into the deep well of light and life, daring to imagine and begin  
the work of healing and reconciliation that is your hope and yearning.  
In the name of the Risen One, we pray. Amen*

**Scripture Readings**

I Peter 2: 2-10

## Meditation

### Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

#### Closing Song “Lamp of Our Feet”

Lamp of our feet! whereby we trace  
Our path, when wont to stray;  
Stream from the fount of heav'nly grace!  
Brook by the traveler's way!

Pillar of fire— through watches dark!  
Or radiant cloud by day!  
When waves would whelm our tossing bark—  
Our anchor and our stay!

#### Benediction & Sending Forth

