

THE NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 15 – 10:00am

Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber

Music Director – Mr. Dylan Sauerwald

***Indicates everyone who is able is invited to stand**

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here to worship with us! In these weeks between Easter and Pentecost our lessons are focused on how the risen Christ was revealed to His disciples and to the world. As we gather on this Lord's Day, let us turn our hearts toward our living Lord, who relieves our doubts, calms our storms, restores our hope, and fills our lives with abundant joy.

As you prepare for worship, please remember to silence your cell phone.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Jesus says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." Revelation 21:6

***A Prayer As You Prepare:** "Eternal Savior, sometimes we feel adrift in life, drowning in sorrow. We look to you for rescue and deliverance when the waves get too high. We need your steady arms to hold us and provide us with comfort. Amen."*

PRELUDE

*HYMN "Gather Together, Sing As One" **MBW#536**

*A LITANY **On Screen**

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

New Testament: Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18 Page 135

New Testament: Revelation 21:1-6 Page 282

The Gospel: John 13:31-35 Page 112

CHOIR ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON 'Commanded to Love' **Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber**

HYMN "They Who Jesus' Followers Are" **MBW #672**

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Response: "Hear our prayer, O Lord"

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise God...." **MBW #817**

PRAYER

HYMN "Let All Things Now Living" **MBW#448**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments at the conclusion of our service.

***A LITANY**

(Also on screen)

Leader: This is a place of gathering.

People: We gather to celebrate God's love.

Leader: This is a place of praise-bringing.

People: We praise God for gifts both wonderful and gracious.

This is a place of listening.

We listen for God's life-giving Word to inspire and lead us.

This is a place for building a faith community.

Joined together in community, as part of the family of God, we come together to worship and to serve.

With the vulnerability of a tiny baby,

We open ourselves to You, O God.

With the infinite curiosity of a growing child,

We search for You, O God.

With the joyful responsibility of young parents,

We rely on You, O God.

With the reflective experience of maturity,

We sense Your presence, O God.

With the accumulated wisdom of advancing years,

We rest in hope, strong and secure, O God.

**In all our living, in all our striving, in all our forgiving,
to You we look, the eternally present One. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, sometimes we become too cavalier about the meaning of faithfulness, for we do not fully understand the trials that You faced. Our loyalty is readily given in word, yet not lived in our deeds. We find it hard to love others the way that You love us. Forgive us the human frailties to which we cling. Strengthen us in Your mercy, and inspire us with Your love to begin again with You, in faith. In Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen.