

## The Church Responds to God

We hear Christ's words this day as we strive to be stewards of God's great mercy. Let us give generously as we too remember that our very selves belong to God.

**\*You can send offerings through mail or online giving at Tithely**  
- more information is provided on [www.monroeumc.com](http://www.monroeumc.com).

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**God of the far-flung universe and God who is closer than our own heartbeat, we long to dwell in your closeness, abiding in you and you abiding in us. However, the call to abide in other places is strong - to abide in the world of popularity and acceptance or in the world of increasing wealth and power centered around our own wants and desires. As we offer our gifts and ourselves to you, help us turn away from other calls and abide in that place of heart's deepest desire, in your Son, Jesus, and he in us. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN We've a Story to Tell to the Nations #569 (1 & 3)  
Jeff Ingebritsen

\*DEPART WITH BLESSING

No one has ever seen God. As you pass through, someone will draw near. It may be the risen Christ, disguised as a weary stranger. Behold the face of your God, and offer the stranger your water.  
May Christ Jesus abide in you and give you life.

POSTLUDE

John Daane

## Monroe United Methodist Church

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### Mission Statement

**"Transformed Lives Transform Communities"**  
"Bring Them In, Grow Them Up, Send Them Out"

May 2, 2021

9:30 Worship

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AT HOME

1. If you're at home with your spouse or family **begin by gathering** around the table. If it's just you, maybe you could phone or FaceTime a friend to "join" you for worship.
2. Once you're in place **light a candle** to symbolize the presence of the Holy Spirit. This is a good way to signal that you are entering into sacred time, and the place where you were chatting and laughing just a moment ago has become a sacred place.
3. **Bring your own Bible** (and a Hymnal).
4. **Turn on your computer, smartphone, or tablet PC**
5. **Login** [www.monroeumc.com](http://www.monroeumc.com) and scroll down  
**Or Facebook Live Stream 9:30 am**  
**Login - Facebook.com/Monroe United Methodist Church**

### CENTERING WORDS

Jesus said, 'If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.' Let us now approach him with confidence.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Pastor

PRELUDE

John Daane



