

**Church Caretakers:**

This Week: Wayne & Bernie Christiansen, Audrey Branstrom  
Next Week: Ken & Linda Pogorelec

**Pray for:**

*Military personnel:* Sarah Skogman, Grace Koski  
*Area Fire Departments*



***Harvest Community** is a shared journey  
of being transformed by the Holy Spirit  
into the likeness of Christ, experiencing  
and expressing love for God and others.*

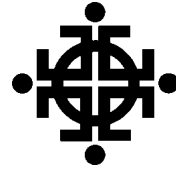
**First Covenant Church of Virginia, MN**

*The mission of First Covenant Church is to  
WORSHIP God,  
EQUIP people to live in faith,  
SHARE God's love, and  
SERVE the community around us.*

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# Worship Celebration

May 15, 2022

9:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Each morning we awake to a blank canvass.  
Our God makes all things new!*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: As the sun rises in the morning,

People: let all creation worship God.

Pastor: From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,

People: let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord,  
for God alone is worthy to be praised.

Pastor: God alone makes all things new.

People: All praise, glory, and honor be yours, forever.

Opening Hymn 55

All Creatures of our God and King

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word

Psalms 148 (Pew Bible pg 480)

Revelation 21:1-6 (Pew Bible pg 944)

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings/Congo Kids Offering

Doxology 48

Pastoral Prayer\*\*

Hymn 581

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Sermon

John 13:34-35 (Pew Bible pg. 823)

Love One Another

Hymn 439

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Challenge...Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
And be gracious, gracious, gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
And give you, give you, give you peace.

Postlude

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*Ushers: Wayne & Bernie Christiansen  
Technical Assistance: Roger Johnston  
Scripture Reader: Barb Knapper*

*\*\*For Pastoral Prayer, you are invited to offer a prayer request or prayer praise. To do this, please write out your request/praise on a slip of paper provided in the pews (chairs). Then place them in the offering plate at the time of the Offering to be given to the pastor for prayer.*

**For the Week of May 15**  
Tues 9:30am Covenant Women Project Day  
6:30pm Going to Pieces Quilters  
6:30pm Council

**Next Sunday – May 22, 2022**  
**Final Sunday with Pastor Dennis and Mary Anders**

9:30am Worship Celebration  
10:30am Coffee and Conversation  
2:00pm Farewell / Retirement Celebration for  
Pastor Dennis and Mary Anders.  
Program with refreshments to follow.  
*Ushers: Shirley Koski  
Technical Assistance: Mike Hannay*

**Coming Events**  
May 23-31 Pastor and Mary on vacation  
May 24 1:00pm Serve Dinner at Salvation Army  
May 29 No services this day.  
2:00pm Service at Waterview Pines