

May 3, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Introduction and Welcome

Preparation for Worship / Breath Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude

Responsive Call to Worship

Christ is a living stone, precious in God's sight,
and on him we build our lives.

**We are God's people,
and we proclaim God's mighty acts,
for we have been called out of darkness
and into the light.**

Once we were not a people,
but now we are God's people;

**once we had not received mercy,
but now we have received mercy.**

With hearts lifted in praise, we come to worship.

Opening Prayer

**God of all journeys, the road we travel is stony,
and often we struggle to hold fast to hope.**

**But in you, we find new courage,
new purpose, and new life.**

**By your grace, teach us to live as your Easter people,
with mercy, compassion, and justice.**

**Guide us with your light,
that in your all-sufficient presence,
we might raise our voices in endless praise. Amen.**

Opening Hymn No. 624 – *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

**1 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.**

**2 Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.**

**3 Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.**

**4 Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.**

**5 Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.**

Children's Song – *Where Children Belong*

**This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
this is where children belong.**

Children's Lesson

Children's Prayer

Loving God,
Loving God,
Thank you for sending Jesus
Thank you for sending Jesus
so we can know more about you.
so we can know more about you.
Thank you for the people around us
Thank you for the people around us
who help us know you too.
who help us know you too.
Amen.
Amen.

Announcement Reminders

CONFESSING

Call to and Prayer of Confession

**Christ, our way, our truth, our life,
you have shown us the way,
so clearly and fully.
You have not simply told us how to live,
you have shown us.
But we still don't get it.
We do not believe all you have said to us;
we do not trust the way you have shown us.
Help us, O God. Forgive us.
Open our ears to your truth,
open our eyes to your way,
and lead us into new life.**

Assurance of Pardon

Response No. 447 – *We Are Forgiven*

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

LEARNING

Anthem – *Bread from Heaven* – Ruth Elaine Schram

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson – *John 14:1-14* (NRSVue)

Sermon

Offering

***Doxology No. 606** – *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Offering Prayer**

**Great God, to you we give our thanks;
your steadfast love endures forever.
With gratitude we bring our gifts to you.
Bless us and our gifts,
that our lives and our resources
may be a source of healing and hope,
of joy and justice in our world. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

You are a rock of refuge and a strong fortress for us.

**In times of trouble and seasons of shame you deliver us,
for you are our redeemer, O Lord, our faithful God.**

Therefore, we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Response No. 552 – *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**1 Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**2 Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:

Christ Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

He goes ahead of us, to make a place for us in your house.

We believe in you and we trust in him to lead us home.

Remembering your goodness and grace,

we offer ourselves to you with gratitude

as we share this joyful feast.

Response No. 553 – *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

Christ has died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Prayer

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup;

make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Build us up, like living stones, into a spiritual house,

and let us be your chosen people, your royal priesthood,

proclaiming your mighty and marvelous work.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit,

we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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 our debts,

as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Response No. 554 – *Amen*

Amen, amen, amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music

Hymn No. 811 – *Make Your Face to Shine / Haz resplandecer tu rostro*

Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me.
Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me.
But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.
My times are in your hand, O God.
You deliver me."

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But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord.
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My times are in your hand, O God.
You deliver me."

Haz resplandecer tu rostro sobre tu siervo(a);
¡sálvame por tu misericordia!
Haz resplandecer tu rostro sobre tu siervo(a);
¡sálvame por tu misericordia!
Mas yo en ti, Jehová, confío;
digo: "¡Tú eres mi Dios.
En tu mano están mis tiempos!
Tú eres me Dios."

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Hymn No. 686 – *God of Our Life*

1 God of our life, through all the circling years,
we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand.
With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land.
Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

3 God of the coming years, through paths unknown
we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.
Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

Hymn No. 498 – *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

**1 Loaves were broken, words were spoken
by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,
was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**2 Loaves were broken, words were spoken
in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken,
as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages:
“I am with you; do not fear!”
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**4 By the loaves you break and give us,
send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger,
words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Sending Hymn No. 463 – *How Firm A Foundation

**1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

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