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## Fifth Sunday of **EASTER**



Omar, Elad and Basheer  
a Jewish, Christian, and Muslim member of Kids4Peace,  
outside the US Institute of Peace

**May 10, 2020**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**

*an adventure for life!*

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

*Give Me Jesus*, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Hymn

**There's a Witness in God's Mercy** (sing two verses)



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.  
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

### First Reading

1 Peter 2:1-5, 9-10 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from St. Peter's first letter to the early church

Clean house! Make a clean sweep of malice and pretense, envy and hurtful talk. You've had a taste of God. Now, like infants at the breast, drink deep of God's pure kindness. Then you'll grow up mature and whole in God.

Welcome to the living Stone, the source of life. Humans took one look and threw it out; God set it in the place of honor. Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God.

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do God's work and speak out for God, to tell others of the night-and-day difference God made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16



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In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;  
deliver me | in your righteousness.

**Incline your | ear to me;  
make haste to de- | liver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my  
stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,  
for you are my tow- | er of strength.**

Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

**My times are | in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those  
who | persecute me.**

Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love.”

## Gospel

John 14:1-14 (Contemporary English Version)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house. I wouldn't tell you this, unless it was true. I am going there to prepare a place for each of you. After I have done this, I will come back and take you with me.

Then we will be together. You know the way to where I am going."

Thomas said, "Lord, we don't even know where you are going! How can we know the way?"

"I am the way, the truth, and the life!" Jesus answered. "Without me, no one can go to the Father. If you had known me, you would have known the Father. But from now on, you do know him, and you have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father. That is all we need."

Jesus replied:

Philip, I have been with you for a long time. Don't you know who I am? If you have seen me, you have seen the Father. How can you ask me to show you the Father? Don't you believe that I am one with the Father and that the Father is one with me? What I say isn't said on my own. The Father who lives in me does these things.

Have faith in me when I say that the Father is one with me and that I am one with the Father. Or else have faith in me simply because of the things I do. I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father. Ask me, and I will do whatever you ask. This way the Son will bring honor to the Father. I will do whatever you ask me to do.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

*WHAT WAS THE QUESTION?*



## Ministry of Music

### *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

arr. Sandra Eithun  
Chime Choir

## Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Community Prayers

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, recovering from surgery, Bonnie Hegreiness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Amy DeLorenzo, Linda and Don Williams, Pamela Andrews, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's mother Maryland Belhorn and friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Bill Boys, Doretha Holland, Dolores Brannigan's husband Dave, Shirley and Jack Miller.

## Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life and ours become one. This is the table of the risen Jesus – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ, and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Before the bright dawn in the garden – in which Love was resurrected, before the cold silence of the tomb – by which Love was swallowed, before the black horror of the cross – on which Love was broken, before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden – through which Love affirmed its choices, Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me.”

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

### **Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ’s Love and be transformed by Christ’s Life.

### **Sharing the Meal**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. Alleluia! **Amen.**

# WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Draw the Circle Wide

(sing two verses)

$\text{♩} = 132$

Draw the cir-cle\_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our\_

song, no one stands a-lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle\_

To verses Last time, Fine

wide\_ wide\_

1. God the still-point of the cir-cle, 'round whom all cre-  
 2. Let our hearts touch far hor-i-zons, so en-com-pass  
 3. Let the dreams we dream be larg-er, than we've ev-er

- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but  
 great and small; let our lov - ing  
 dreamed be - fore; let the dream of

held for-ev-er in God's gra-cious arms\_ \_  
 know no bor-ders, faith-ful to God's call\_ \_  
 Christ be in us, o-pen ev-ry door\_ \_

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Postlude**

***I've Got the Joy***, arr. Pepper Choplin

**Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.**

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**OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Katie Jacobs
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Tori Reed
<b>Reader</b>	Katie Jacobs
<b>Cantor</b>	Renee Glover Oakleaf
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Producer</b>	Tom Mimplitch

*Flowers are dedicated by **John Kennedy** in memory of **Marcelene A. Kennedy**.  
Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 10 - 17**

<b>Today</b>	YouTube 10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Sunday School
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm 6:30 pm	ZOOM Bible Study ZOOM A Brewing Faith
<b>Next Sunday</b>	YouTube 10:00 am 12:30 pm	Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Sunday School ZOOM Congregation Council



**Birthdays this week:**  
11 - Logan Baldogo  
14 - Ty Pawlowski

**Adult Sunday School**  
10 am Sundays  
Via ZOOM



**THE APOSTLES' CREED  
FOR TODAY**



**A Brewing Faith**

**Second Tuesdays 6:30 pm**  
Conversation and fellowship at  
*Join us via ZOOM!*



**Bible  
STUDY  
Join us!**

**Tuesdays 1- 2:30 pm**  
**1 Corinthians**  
**We'd love to have you  
join us via Zoom!**