



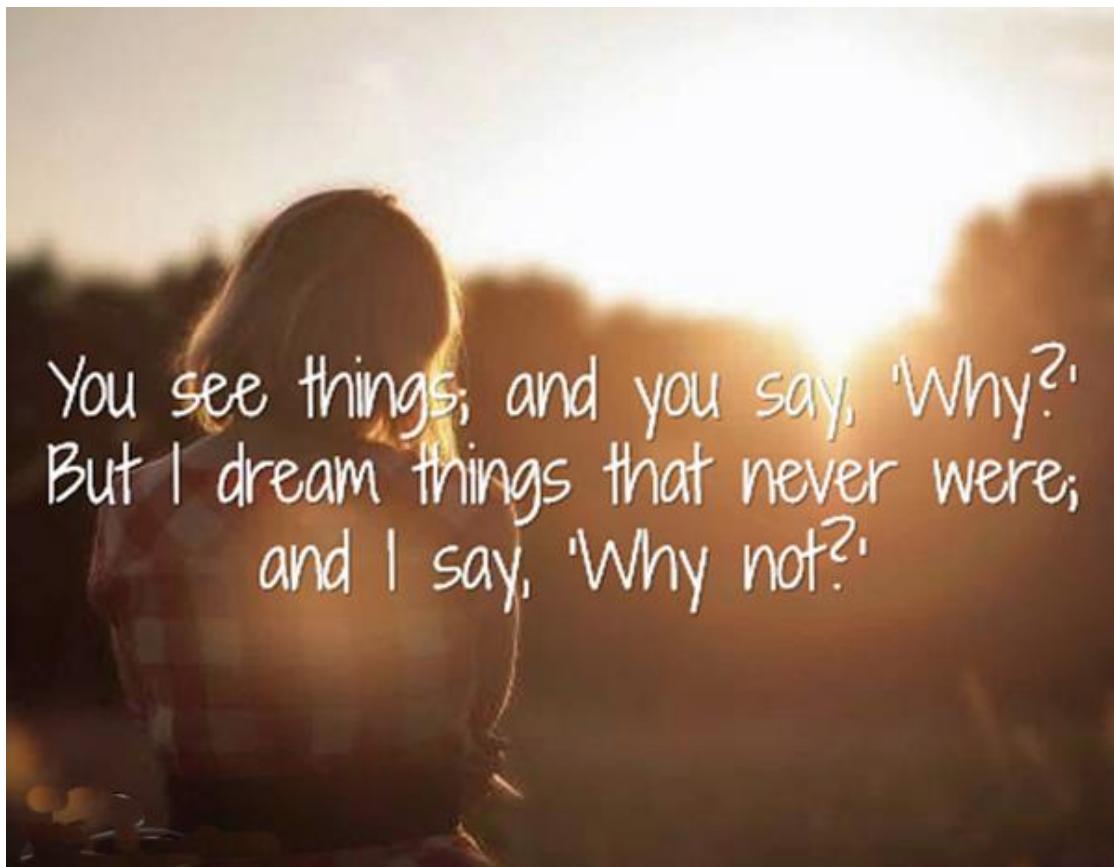
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diversity of God's children



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## Fifth Sunday of EASTER



George Bernard Shaw

**May 2, 2021**  
**10:00 am**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**  
*an adventure for life!*

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

## Pandemic Safety Protocols

- Please spread yourselves out in the sanctuary. Leave the first two rows of pews for worship leaders.
- Please remain seated throughout the service.
- You can sing the hymns softly with your mask on.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up at the front door.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use.
- We will want everyone out of the building by 10 minutes after the service ends.

# WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude


Toccata, Gordon Young

Welcome




# Hymn

## As We Gather at Your Table




1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



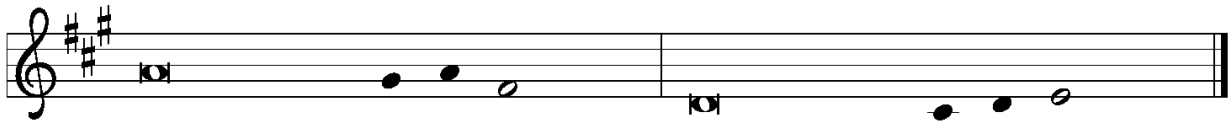
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

## Psalm 22:25-31



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From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live  
forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,  
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore  
the LORD.

**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"





## Gospel

John 15:1-8 (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

During the Last Supper, Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the Real Vine and my Abba God is the Farmer. My Abba cuts off every branch of me that doesn’t bear grapes. And prunes back every branch that is grape-bearing so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken.

“Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can’t bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can’t bear fruit unless you are joined with me.

“I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you’re joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can’t produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Abba God is revealed—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.



**Reading****Acts 8:26-40** (The Message, alt.)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God's angel spoke to Philip, a table-server for the apostles in Jerusalem:

“At noon today I want you to walk over to that desolate road that goes from Jerusalem down to Gaza.” He got up and went. He met an Ethiopian eunuch coming down the road. The eunuch had been on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and was returning to Ethiopia, where he was minister in charge of all the finances of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. He was riding in a chariot and reading the prophet Isaiah. The Spirit told Philip, “Climb into the chariot.” Running up alongside, Philip heard the eunuch reading Isaiah and asked, “Do you understand what you’re reading?”

He answered, “How can I without some help?” and invited Philip into the chariot with him. The passage he was reading was this:

As a sheep led to slaughter,  
and quiet as a lamb being sheared,  
He was silent, saying nothing.  
He was mocked and put down,  
never got a fair trial.

But who now can count his kin  
since he’s been taken from the earth?

The eunuch said, “Tell me, who is the prophet talking about: himself or some other?” Philip grabbed his chance. Using this passage as his text, he preached Jesus to him.

As they continued down the road, they came to a stream of water. The eunuch said, “Here’s water. Why can’t I be baptized?” He ordered the chariot to stop. They both went down to the water, and Philip baptized him on the spot. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of God suddenly took Philip off, and that was the last the eunuch saw of him. But he didn’t mind. He had what he’d come for and went on down the road as happy as he could be.

Philip showed up in Azotus and continued north, preaching the Message in all the villages along that route until he arrived at Caesarea.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**



## Ministry of Music

### *I Lay My Sins on Jesus*

arr. Howard Helvey  
Kathy Rapp, piano

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God.  
He bears them all, and frees us from every guilty load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains  
White in His blood most precious, 'til not a spot remains.

I long to be like Jesus, pure, loving, lowly, mild.  
I long to be like Jesus the Father's Holy Child.  
I long to be with Jesus, amid the heavenly throng,  
To sing with saints His praises, to learn the angel's song.

## 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, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker and Cathy Oldham, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their niece and sister-in-law, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Barbara and David Hairston, Grace and Ken Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Heidi Sherer's Aunt Mary and Uncle Joel Sherer, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, family of Doretha Holland, family and friends of Pamela Reed, Izzy and Sophie Skoog.

## Children's Time

### 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.

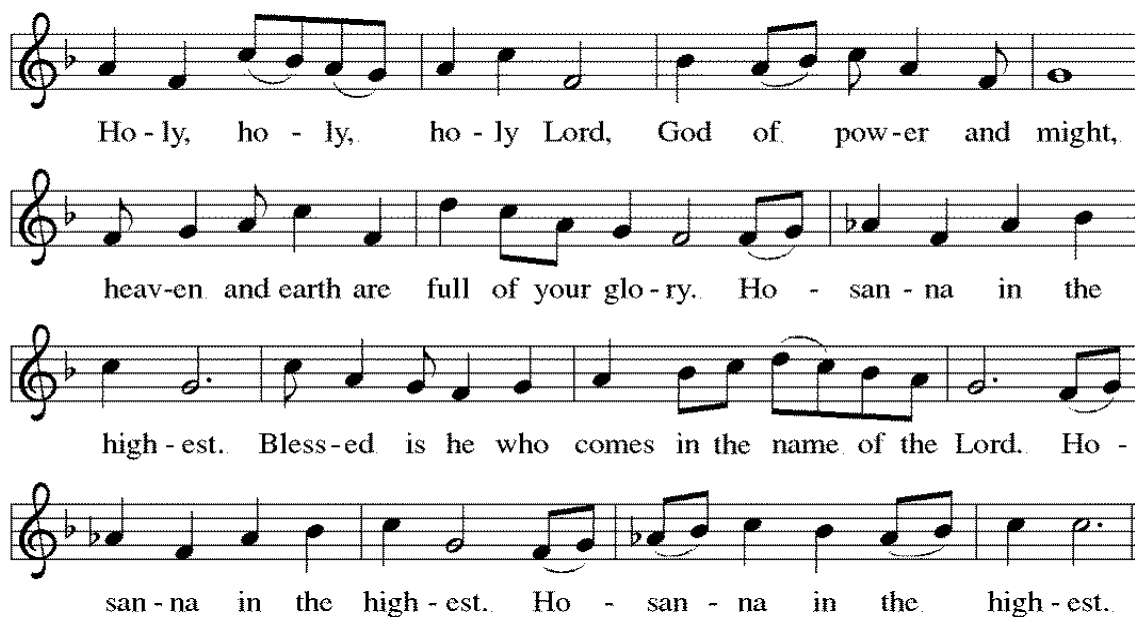
**And also with you.**

**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 joining ours. 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:



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 brutal 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**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. This is Jesus’ table: he welcomed everyone, and so do we.

### **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

### Signs and Wonders



- 1 Signs and won - ders lead the danc - ing from the heart God frees from fear:
- 2 Hope and free - dom join the cir - cle: Mar - y to the gar - den came,
- 3 Cast a - side all fear and hid - ing; hand in hand we dance the round.



wings of an - gels greet the mai - den, and God finds a dwell - ing here;  
saw the ra - diance of the mar - vel, heard the Ris - en call her name;  
God is with us, Christ, a - bid - ing, and the Spir - it's gifts a - bound.



bold - ly may we lift our hands, bow the head, and voice A - men;  
bold - ly may we heed Christ's call, step be - yond the gar - den wall:  
Called by God to ho - li - ness, let us bold - ly serve and bless;



thus does glo - ry shine at mid - night: o - pen hearts in - vite the star - light.  
beau - ti - ful the feet pro - ceed - ing with good news of death's de - feat - ing.  
and to hearts that sigh and hun - ger may our lives dance signs and won - ders.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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### Blessing

**Amen.**

### Sending Announcements

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

**Postilion**, Gordon Young

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

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*Adult Sunday School*  
*11:15 am Sundays*



*Holy Spirit: Source of Life*

*Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting*

*Time: 11:15 AM*

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*Meeting ID: 818 8878 2023 – Passcode: 630107*

*Phone only: 646 876 9923*



**A Brewing Faith**

***This Tuesday, May 4 6:30 pm***

Conversation and fellowship

Via Zoom

Topic: Brewing Faith Zoom Meeting

Time: 06:30 PM

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***Exploring the Psalms***  
***We'd love to have you join us!***

***Tuesdays - 1:00 pm***  
***Hybrid Sessions***

***In Person - Room 2***

***Zoom***

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***LSS Food Pantry***

***First Wednesdays***

***1-4 pm***

***Contact Kathleen Zwanziger***  
***to volunteer***

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kay Ernsthausen
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Tori Reed
<b>Reader</b>	Kay Ernsthausen
<b>Cantor</b>	Jennifer Young
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Verger</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Producer</b>	Tom Mimplitch, Sue Yehling

*Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 2 - 9

<b>Today</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	5:00 pm	ZOOM Outreach Team
	6:30 pm	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education

