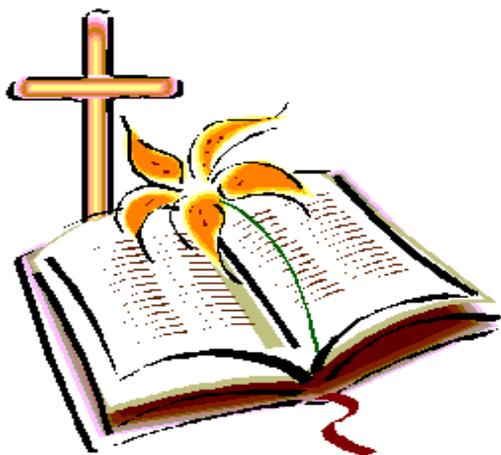


# May 15, 2022

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*



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# SERVICE of WORSHIP

## Contemporary Service

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

OPENING SONG: "Because He Lives"

Amen (Because He Lives)

Words and Music by  
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**INTRO**

$\text{♩} = 84$   
F#m D A F#m D A

1. I be -

**VERSE 1**

5 F#m D A F#m D

-lieve in the Son; I be - lieve in the Ris - en — One,

8 A F#m D A D F#m

I be - lieve I o - ver - come by the pow - er of His \_ blood;

**CHORUS 1a**

12 E D E F#m E/G# A E/G# A F#m

A - men, a - men, I'm a - live, I'm a - live be - cause He,

16 E D E F#m E/G# A E/G# A D

— lives; A - men, a - men, let my song join the one that nev - er -

20 E F#m D A F#m D

— ends be - cause He lives.

**VERSE 2**

24 A F#m D A

2. I was dead in the grave; I was

27 F#m D A F#m D

cov - ered \_ in sin \_ and \_ shame, I heard mer - cy call my \_ name;

30 A D F#m E D E

CHORUS 1b

He rolled the stone a - way \_ A - men, a -

34 F#m E/G# A E A D E D E

- men, I'm a - live, I'm a - live be - cause He \_ lives; A - men, a -

38 F#m E/G# A E A D E

- men, let my song join the one that nev - er \_ ends. Be - cause He

BRIDGE

41 A D E A D E

lives, I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He lives ev - 'ry fear is \_ gone; I

45 A/C# D F#m E D

know He holds my life, my fu - ture in His \_ hand. A -

CHORUS 1c

49 D E F#m E/G# A E/G# A D E

-men, a - men, I'm a - live, I'm a - live be - cause He \_ lives; A -

53 D E F#m E/G# A E/G# A D E

-men, a - men, let my song join the one that nev - er ends; A -

CHORUS 1d

57 D E F#m E/G# A E A D E

- men, a - men, I'm a - live, I'm a - live be - cause He \_ lives; A -

61      D            E      F#m            E/G#      A    E/G#      A      D      E

-men, a - men, let my song join the one that nev - er \_\_\_ ends be-cause He

ENDING

63      F#m      D            A                            F#m      D            A

lives; Be-cause He lives.

**RESPONSIVE READING**

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

**Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

**Who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

**Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens, old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

Graduates, when you are far away, remember this community of faith and remember God's Word you heard here.

**Listen and look for new places where God's word is faithfully spoken.**

Remember you are always welcome here.

**We are proud of you.**

And when you fail, which at times you will, remember our Lord never fails. Turn to God for guidance and forgiveness.

**Remember to pray and you will grow in the power of prayer.**

**Prayer is a foundation in a living relationship with your Lord.**

**Prayer is a reminder that God goes with you wherever you go in this wondrous world our Lord created.**

You will always be in our prayer, but if there is something special in which you want us to be prayer for you, just let us know.

**Your prayer chain here has over 60 disciples ready to respond to your prayer request. And, by Sunday hundreds of us will be praying for you.**

And never forget, you are never alone.

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

11Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also

accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

## THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

# SONG: "Revelation Song"

## Revelation Song

Words and Music by  
Jennie Lee Riddle

$\text{♩} = 60$

### VERSE 1

1. Wor-thy is the Lamb Who was slain; Ho - ly, ho - ly is He;

4 Sing a new song to Him Who sits on heav-en's mer - cy seat.

### CHORUS

8 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord God Al-might - y.

11 Who was and is and is to come; With all cre-a-tion I sing

14 praise to the King of kings; You are my ev-'ry-thing and I will a-dore You

17 2. Clothed in rain-bows of living col-or

23 flash-es of light-ning, rolls of thun-der, Bless-ing and hon - or, strength and

26 glo-ry and power be to You, the on - ly wise King.

VERSE 3

♩ Coda

29 D Am<sup>7</sup> C

3. Filled with won-der, awe-struck won-der, at the men-tion of\_ Your name; .

32 G D Am<sup>7</sup>

Je-sus, Your name \_ is pow-er, breath and liv-ing wa-ter, \_

35 C G D

such a mar-v'lous mys-ter-y, \_ yeah. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly

38 Am<sup>7</sup> C G

is the \_ Lord God \_ Al-might-y. Who was \_ and is \_ and is \_ to come; \_

41 D Am<sup>7</sup>

With all cre-a-tion I \_ sing praise to the King of kings; \_

43 C

You are my ev-ry-thing \_ and I will a-dore You. I will a-dore You \_

THE GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

THE SERMON

Deacon Sara Galyon

# SONG: "Shout to the Lord"

## Shout To The Lord

Words and Music by  
Darlene Zschech

A E F#m E

My Je - sus, my Sav - iour, Lord, there is none \_ like \_ You,.

4 D A/C# D A/E F#m

\_ All of my days \_ I want to praise \_ the won - ders of Your

7 G D/F# E<sup>SUS</sup> E D/E A E

might - y love. \_ My com - fort, my shel - ter,

11 F#m E D A/C# D A/E

tow - er of ref - uge and strength; \_ Let ev - 'ry breath, \_ all that I am, .

14 F#m G D/F# E<sup>SUS</sup> E A F#m

**CHORUS**

\_ nev - er cease to wor - ship You \_ Shout to the Lord, \_ all the earth, .

18 D D/E E A F#m D E<sup>SUS</sup> E

\_ let us sing \_ Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise \_ to the King, \_

21 F#m D E F#m

Moun - tains bow down \_ and the seas \_ will roar \_ at the sound \_ of Your

24 E/G# A F#m D D/E E

name. \_ I sing for joy \_ at the work \_ of Your hands, \_ for -

27 A F#m D E<sup>SUS</sup> E

-ev - er I'll love \_ You, for - ev - er I'll stand, \_

29 F#m D D/E E A

noth - ing com - pares \_ to the prom - ise I have \_ in You. \_

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**He will come again 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**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**And also with you.**

## THE OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

**Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you.**

**We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these  
gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to  
the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**

## PRAYERS

# THE 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

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
Amen

## SONG: "In Christ Alone"

### In Christ Alone

Words and Music by  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

*♩ = 60*

**VERSE**

G D G A D/F#



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 G D/F# Em7 G/A D G D G A D/F#



light, my strength, — my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the  
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorched by the  
world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the  
pow'r of Christ — in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -

7 G D/F# Em7 G/A D D/F# G D/F# A<sup>SUS</sup> A D/F#



fierc - est drought — and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
ones He came — to save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
grave He rose — a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has  
— mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er

11 G Bm<sup>7</sup> A<sup>SUS</sup> A G D G A D/F#

stilled, when striv-ings cease. My Com-fort - er, my All in All, here in the  
 God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the  
 lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the  
 pluck me from His hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the

15 G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup> G/A D Am<sup>7</sup> INSTRUMENTAL

love of Christ — I stand.  
 death of Christ — I live.  
 pre - cious blood — of Christ  
 pow'r of Christ — I'll stand!

18 Em<sup>7</sup> D D<sup>SUS</sup> D

## THE DISMISSAL POSTLUDE