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**9:15 AM - April 28, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**ALIVE! Worship Service**

## INTRODUCTION

*This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

### *Take Me to the Water*

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -  
2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -  
3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -  
4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.  
sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.  
ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.  
jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

This African American spiritual sums up the commitment of a candidate for baptism: the request for the rite, an expression of motivation, and a succinct affirmation of faith. The widening melodic lines build anticipation and give weight to the final phrase of each stanza.

## *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Refrain All    Verse 1 All    Verse 2 Women    Verse 3 Men    Verse 4 All

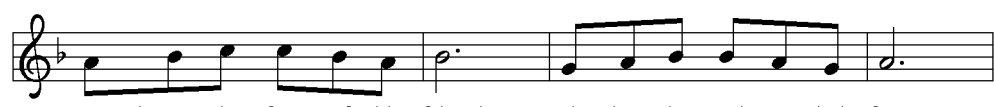
*Refrain*



Je - su,                      Je - su,                      fill us with your love, show



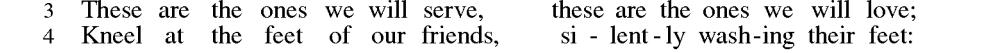
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.




1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,                      si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,



2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor,                      var - ied in col - or and race,

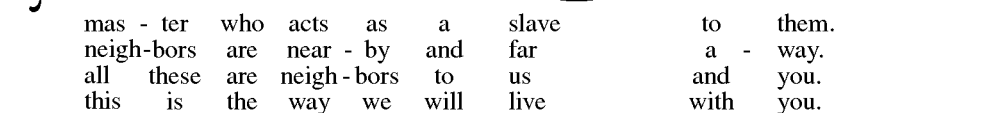


3 These are the ones we will serve,                      these are the ones we will love;



4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,                      si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

*Refrain*



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS**

### **KYRIE**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

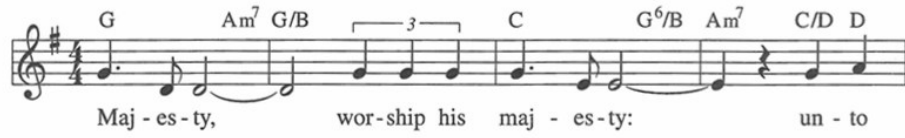
O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Majesty*

G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C G<sup>6</sup>/B Am<sup>7</sup> C/D D



Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty: un - to

G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup>sus D<sup>7</sup>



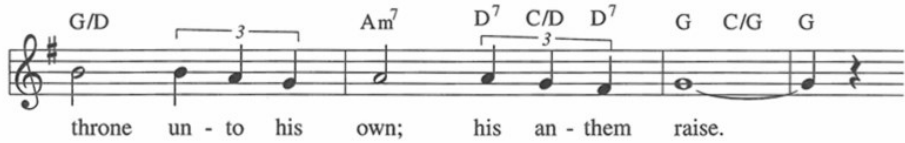
Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise.

G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C G<sup>6</sup>/B Am<sup>7</sup> Cm/Eb




Maj - es - ty, king - dom au - thor - i - ty flows from his

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



throne un - to his own; his an - them raise.

Bm<sup>7</sup> Bbdim<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> G



So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus.

G Bm<sup>7</sup> Bbdim<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup>/C B

Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the king.

Am<sup>7</sup> D G Am<sup>7</sup>G/B C G<sup>6</sup>/B

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty:

Am<sup>7</sup> Cm/Eb G/D Am<sup>7</sup>

Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied,

D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> *To repeat* G C/G G *Last time* Em Am<sup>7</sup> Cm/Eb

King of all kings. kings. Je - sus who

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

died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

## A READING

1 John 4:7-21

A reading from 1 John.

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



PSALM HYMN

*In the Presence of Your People*  
Psalm 22

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a 2/2 time signature, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are arranged in three-line stanzas, with the first line of each stanza corresponding to the first staff of music, the second line to the second staff, and the third line to the third staff. The fourth staff of music contains the final line of the third stanza. Chords are indicated above the notes.

1 In the pres-ence of your peo - ple I will praise your name,  
 2 All who love you sing your prais - es and pro - claim your power,  
 3 All who seek your rule will praise you and be sat - is - fied;

for a - lone you are ho - ly, en - throned on the prais - es of Is - ra - el.

Let us cel - e - brate your good - ness and your stead - fast love;  
 You have not ig - nored our suf - fering but have heard our cry;  
 All - the peo - ples of the na - tions will bow down to you;

may your name be ex - alt - ed here on earth and in heaven a - bove.

This text based on the affirmative later parts of Psalm 22 (especially verses 3, 22-28) has an unusual structure, with alternating lines of stanza and refrain. It also has an uncommon history, as the first stanza was written in New Zealand and the remaining stanzas in Canada.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Brent Sinclair Chambers, 1977; stanzas 2-3, Bert Polman, 1986  
 MUSIC: Brent Sinclair Chambers, 1977  
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CELEBRATION  
 Irregular

## GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

## ANTHEM

*Abide*

Keyes/Williams

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

### *We bring the sacrifice of praise*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the house of the Lord; we bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the house of the Lord. And we of-fer up to you the sac-ri-fic-es of thanks-giv-ing; and we of-fer up to you the sac-ri-fic-es of joy." The chords are: D, Em7, D2/F#, G, F#m7, G/A, D, Em7, D2/F#, Bm7, Em7, GM7/A, A, Dsus, D, D/F#, G, F#m7, Bm7, Em7, G/A, A7, D, Dsus/E, D/F#, D7, G, F#m7, Bm7, Em7, G/A, A7, D.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

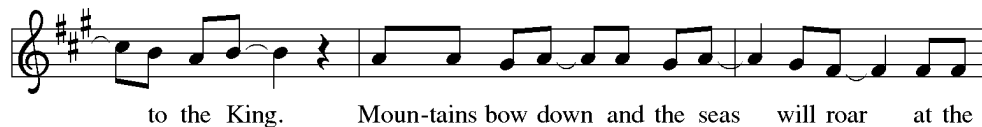
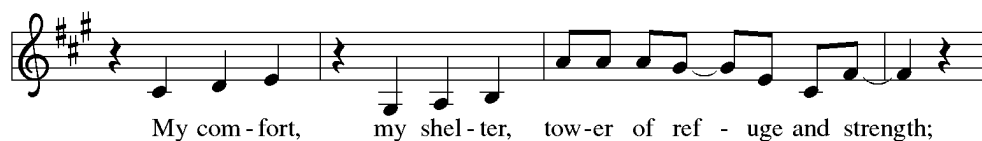
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

### *Shout to the Lord*



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**DISMISSAL  
POSTLUDE**



***ALIVE! Musicians***

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*Ricky Lusk*

*Irelou Moye, Co-Director*

*Lyndsey Ebener*

*Ed Redmond*

*Beth Branham*

*David Moye*

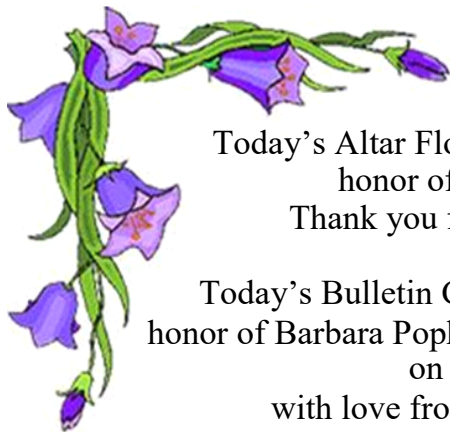
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*Leah Conrad*

*Erin Hall*

*Brett Ebener*

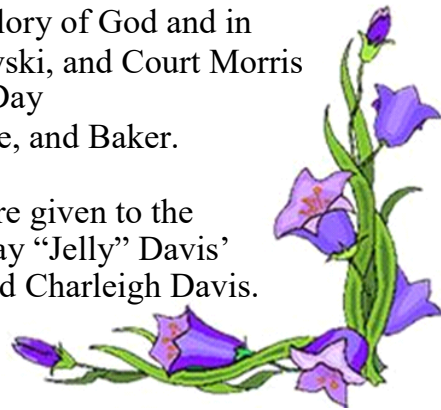
*Vaughn Hall*



Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Randy and Elizabeth Klapman.  
Thank you for everything you do for Mt. Tabor.

Today's Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Barbara Popkowski, Georgia Popkowski, and Court Morris on their First Communion Day  
with love from their parents, Little Joe, and Baker.

Today's Processional Cross Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ray "Jelly" Davis' birthday on April 29<sup>th</sup> by Kasey, Chasen and Charleigh Davis.



***Worship Assistants***

*Lector ..... Whitney Glass*

*Greeter ..... Grace Fuson*

*Ushers ..... Ricky Glass, Ray Conrad*

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

### **Acts 8:26-40**

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### **Psalm 22:25-31**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>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 before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, “The LORD has acted!”

Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak but He is strong.



Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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**Welcome to Mt. Tabor.** We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

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**Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Richie Moye, Chris Carrion, Daunte Carrion, Paul Addy, Owen Plane, Jennifer Allen, Sara Monts, Terri Vick-Phillips, Mallory Phillips, Lawson Assey, Charles Stearns, Emily Sippel, Garry O'Neal Caroline Busbee, Beth Waring.*

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Wanda Addy, Ron Hutto, Bruce Merchant, Ann Crout, Al & Judy Jordan

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Drewby McQuillen, Mary Davis, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Robert Cromer, Dennis Rybicki Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Lib Manus, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Barbara Bradshaw, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise Herman Bouknight, Jane & Gene Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

**Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:**

Chuck Backman, Michelle Roe, Jacob Pittman, Beth Murphy, Sidney Ward, Justin "Cody" Spires, Billy Holton, Barbara Kohr, Jenny Mack, JoAnn Davis, Diana Ruth Henricks, Tommy Cambell, Niko Bosley, Mary Famiglietti, Angela Livingston, Bill Wood, Anne Moye, Isabelle Sundlie, John Bundrick, Katie Blackwell Feaster

**Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:**

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

**Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:**

Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

**The Family Of:**

Todd Gayden, Jean Latimer

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**Worship Leaders**

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation*

*Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*