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9:15 AM - May 3, 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

ALIVE! Worship Service

INTRODUCTION

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

verse 1 & chorus

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;

no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Chorus

He is Lord He is Lord
He is risen from the dead
And He is Lord
Ev'ry knee shall bow
Ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord

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You Are the One

Verse 1

How I love You
You are the One You are the One
How I love You
You are the One for me

Verse 2

I was so lost
But You showed the way 'cause You are the Way
I was so lost
But You showed the way to me

Repeat Verse 1

Verse 3

I was lied to
But You told the truth 'cause You are the Truth
I was lied to
But You showed the truth to me

Verse 4

I was dying
But You gave me life 'cause You are the Life
I was dying
And You gave Your life for me

Repeat Verse 1

Ending

You are the One God's risen Son
You are the One for me

Optional verse

Alleluia ...

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;

for if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r

2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,

3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.

be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.

I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.

I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.

Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

PEACE

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Whether by Blood or Baptism, we are family here. Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

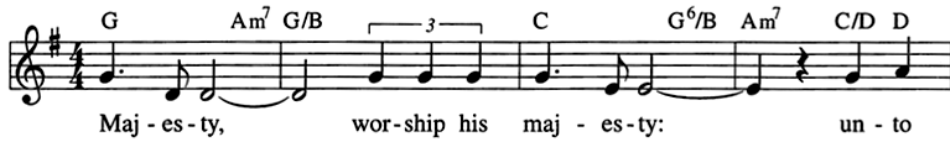
Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

Majesty

G Am⁷ G/B 3 C G⁶/B Am⁷ C/D D



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

G D/F# Em⁷ A⁷ 3 D⁷ sus D⁷



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

G Am⁷ G/B 3 C G⁶/B Am⁷ Cm/E^b 3



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

G/D 3 Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷ G C/G G



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

Bm⁷ B^bdim⁷ Am⁷ 3 D⁷ C/D D⁷ G



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

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G Bm⁷ B^bdim⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷/C B

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

Am⁷ D G Am⁷G/B C G⁶/B

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

Am⁷ Cm/E^b G/D Am⁷

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

D⁷ C/D D⁷ *To repeat* G C/G G *Last time* Em Am⁷ Cm/E^b

King of all kings. kings. Je - sus who

G/D Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷ G C/G G

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

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A READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from 1 Peter.

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

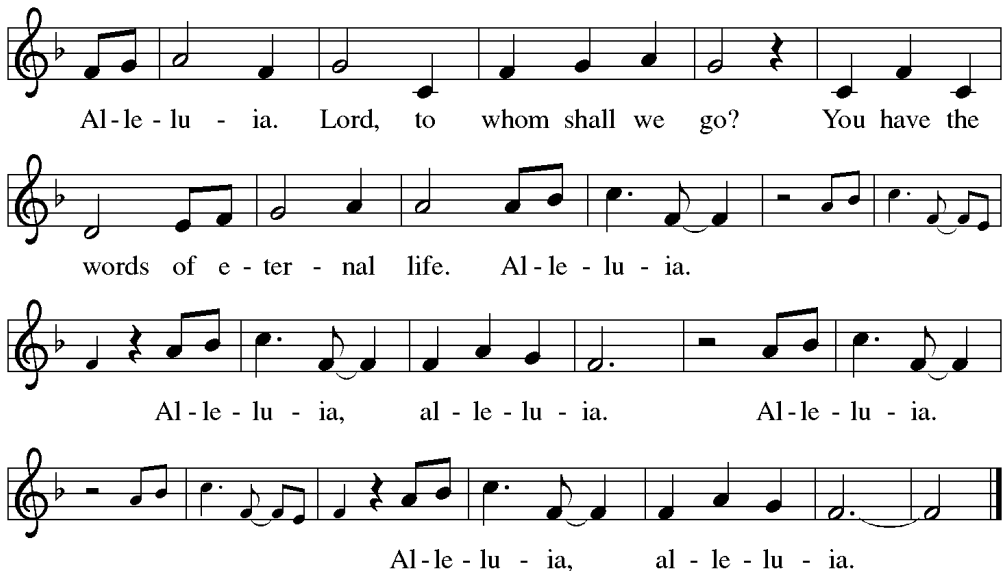
⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM

Cornerstone

**Myrin, Morgan, Liljero,
Mote/arr. Sorenson**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

That We May Be Filled

Not as we ought but as we are a - ble, we
of - fer our thanks as we come to your ta - ble. Through
Word and Spir - it bless us; through bread and wine re - fresh us that
we may be filled, that we may be filled with love.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

Music: THAT WE MAY BE FILLED, Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

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Eat This Bread

Refrain
"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

The musical score is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is a simple, repetitive refrain. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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The Lamb
verse 2, 4 & 5



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill.
4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
So still, his will on our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long till ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!



The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne!

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **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

He Is Exalted

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. The melody is written on a treble clef staff in 6/8 time. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The notes are: F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4. Chords above the staff are: F, F/A, Bb, Bb/D, C/E.

He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high; I will praise him.

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. The melody is written on a treble clef staff in 6/8 time. The notes are: F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4. Chords above the staff are: F, F/A, Bb, C/Bb, Bb/C, C.

He is ex - alt-ed, for - ev - er ex - alt-ed, and I will praise his

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn. The melody is written on a treble clef staff in 6/8 time. The notes are: F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4. Chords above the staff are: Dsus, D/C, Gm, Dm/F, C/E, C, F, Am.

name. Je - sus is Lord, for - ev - er his truth shall

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn. The melody is written on a treble clef staff in 6/8 time. The notes are: F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4. Chords above the staff are: Bb, F/A, Gm, Dm/F, C/E, C, F, Am.

reign; hea - ven and earth re - joice in his ho - ly

Musical notation for the fifth line of the hymn. The melody is written on a treble clef staff in 6/8 time. The notes are: F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4. Chords above the staff are: Bb, F/A, Gm, Bb/F, EbM7, Bb/C, F, Bb/F, F.

name. He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- ¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
- ² Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.
- ³ 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.
- ⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.
- ⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.
- ¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

ALIVE! Musicians

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In joyful thanksgiving to God, the altar flowers are given by Jeremy, Paxton, Blakely and Gavin Goings in honor of Elizabeth Goings who celebrates another trip around the sun. Your love and light continue to guide and bless our family.

To the glory of God, today's processional cross flowers are given by Paula Taylor in honor of Mona Myers, who celebrates a birthday today!
May your day be filled with love, laughter, and family.

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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: Jack Sippel, Robert Hilton, Liliana Stork, Bennett Plane, Katelyn Shealy, Samuel Hilton, Kathy Risinger, Elmer Sundlie.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Marshall Neeley, Rachel Bundrick, Rick Moorer, Michael Gayden, Sally Kleber,
James Campbell, Earl Macaulay, Jeanie & Paul Jacobs, Murray Hoskins

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

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