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9:15 AM - May 10, 2026 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

ALIVE! Worship Service

A New Commandment

A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as".

I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you."

By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if".

you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know".

you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

The fifth system concludes the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er."

PEACE

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

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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 and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Text: Paul M. Vasile, b. 1976, based on the Gloria Patri
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A READING

Acts 17:22-31

A reading from Acts.

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

Oh, Let the Son of God Enfold You (Spirit Song)

Words and Music by
John Wimber

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VERSE

D A/E D/F# G A⁷ F#m⁷



1. Oh, let the Son of God en-fold you with His Spir - it and His
2. Oh, come and sing this song with glad-ness as your hearts are filled with

4 Bm Em⁷ A G/A A D



love; Let Him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.
joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur - ren - der to His name.

8 A/E D/F# G A⁷ F#m⁷



Oh, let Him have those things that hold you, and His Spir - it, like a
Oh, give Him all your tears and sad - ness, give Him all your years of

12 Bm Em⁷ A G/A A⁷ D



dove, will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole. _____
pain, and you'll en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name. _____

CHORUS

17 G A⁷/G F#m⁷ Bm⁷ Em⁷ A



Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your

23 D G A⁷/G F#m⁷



lams. _____ Je - sus, oh Je -

28 Bm⁷ Em⁷ A A⁷ G/A D



-sus, come and fill Your lams.

Our Confirmands

Blakely Foster Goings, Amelia Elizabeth Hilton, Kate Latham, Lillian Irene Minor

PRESENTATION

Dear Friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

I present *name/s*, who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her* faith, guide *her* life, empower *her* in *her* serving, give *her* patience in suffering, and bring *her* to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with *these sisters* in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

The congregation is invited to join in singing the chorus.

Verse 1

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
(We believe)

Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe

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Chorus

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save
We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again

Ending

He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe we believe

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.

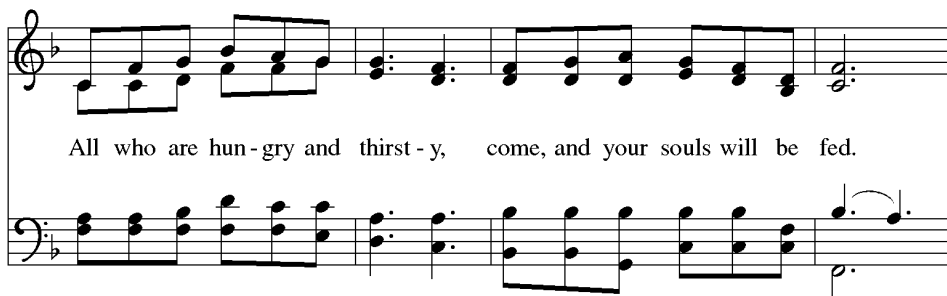
COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Come to the Table



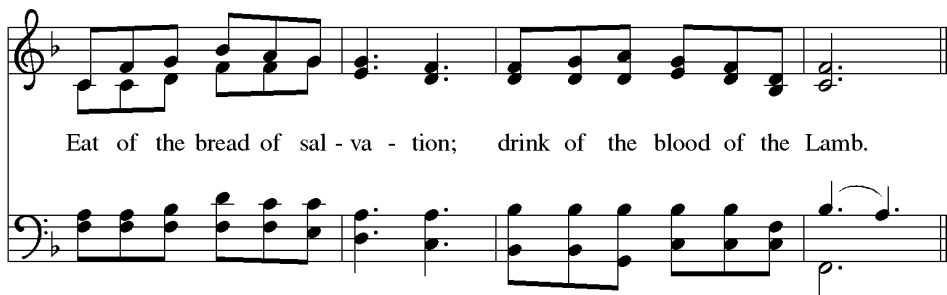
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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Here Is Bread



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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HERE IS BREAD
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Amazing Love

C Dm⁷ Gsus G

1 My Lord, what love is this that pays so
2 And so they watched him die, de - spised, re -
3 And now this love of Christ shall flow like

Csus C G C Dm⁷ F/G G C

dear - ly, that I, the guilt - y one, may go free?
ject - ed; but, oh, the blood he shed flowed for me.
riv - ers; come, wash your guilt a - way, live a - gain.

Refrain Gm⁷ C Eb

A - maz - ing love, oh, what sac - ri - fice, the Son of God giv'n for

G Gm⁷ C

me; my debt he pays and my death he dies, that

Gm⁷ C Gm⁷ C

I might live, that I might live.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **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

Born, Reborn

Refrain



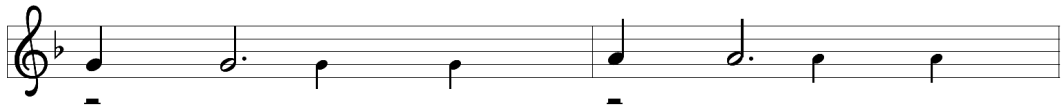
Born, re - born! Born, re - born! Formed, re - formed!



Souls with glad - ness now a - dorned! Born, re - born! Born, re - born!



Formed, re - formed! Praise our God for - ev - er - more!



1 Drown us. Drown us. Raise us. Raise us.
2 Name us. Name us. Heal us. Heal us.



Mark us. Mark us. Claim us! Claim us!
Wash us. Wash us. Seal us! Seal us!

Refrain

Text: Justin Rimbo, b. 1980

Music: BORN, REBORN, Justin Rimbo

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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 66:8-20

- ⁸ Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.
- ⁹ Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.
- ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- ¹¹ You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- ¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- ¹³ I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—
- ¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- ¹⁵ I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.
- ¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
- ¹⁷ I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.
- ¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;
- ¹⁹ but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.
- ²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

ALIVE! Musicians

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Leah Conrad

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Greeter Grace Fuson

Ushers Dennis Rybicki, Sr., Ray Conrad

Acolyte KateLynn Parker

Livestream coordinators Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr



To the glory of God and with love to our Mt. Tabor Church Family, the altar flowers are given by Ellis and Tammy Quarles in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary, which is today.

With thanksgiving and joy, today's bulletin covers are given to the glory of God by Tammy O'Quinn, in honor of Amelia, Blakely, Kate and Lillian on the occasion of their confirmation.

To the glory of God, today's processional cross flowers are given in honor of Carol Stork by her daughters, Jessica, Charlotte, Rachel and Liliana. Happy Mother's Day! We love and appreciate you so much! We also remember our brother Thomas with these flowers.

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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!

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: Abby Grace Roof, Kayla Sox, Ashlyn Baxter, Robert South, Evelyn Scyphers, Jeremy Goings, Annabelle Wilson, Bob Livingston, III, Isabelle Wilson, Kase Boone, Jason Nelson, Adam Payne, George Caulder, Abigail Caulder, Veronica Hutto, Adam Davis.

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:

Karen Holton, Sandra Baker, Natalie Cook, Paul & Carolyn Dufries, Pastor Lavaughn Keisler,
John Conrad, Bruce Merchant, Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams,
Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Emma Lou Easley, Paul Addy,
Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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Family of:

Bunny Shuler Gable, Evan Greenleigh

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