

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

welcome!

We are a community of believers seeking and sharing life in Christ through ancient-future faith. We consider it a great privilege to worship the Lord with you today. In fact, your presence today is a gift from God. Please let us know if we can do anything to help you feel at home.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available for children age 2 and under in the nursery, located in the classroom on the right upon entering the lobby. Children age 3 through 5th grade will be dismissed to Godly Play after the Collect for Purity and will return prior to Communion.

WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU

If you are new to our church or would like to share a prayer request with the church staff, please fill out a connect card located on the table as you walk in. Place it in the offering basket or give it to an usher.

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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE PROCESSION

"All Creatures Of Our God and King"

VERSE 1

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing O praise Him! Allelujah! Thou, burning sun with golden beam Thou, silver moon with softer gleam O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelu - jah!

VERSE 2

Let all things their Creator bless And worship Him in humbleness O praise Him! Allelujah! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu - jah!

VERSE 3

All the redeemed washed by His blood Come and rejoice in His great love O praise Him! Allelujah! Christ has defeated every sin Cast all your burdens now on Him O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah!

BRIDGE

To Him who loves us And is returning be honor For we shall see Him in His glory

VERSE 4

He shall return in pow'r to reign Heaven and earth will join to say O praise Him! Allelujah! Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah!

ENDING

O praise Him! O praise Him! O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

"Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"

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VERSE 1

Joyful joyful we adore Thee God of glory Lord of love Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee Opening to the sun above Melt the clouds of sin and sadness Drive the dark of doubt away Giver of immortal gladness Fill us with the light of day

VERSE 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays Stars and angels sing around Thee Center of unbroken praise Field and forest vale and mountain Flowery meadow flashing sea Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee

VERSE 3

Thou art giving and forgiving Ever blessing ever blest Wellspring of the joy of living Ocean depth of happy rest Thou our Father Christ our Brother All who live in love are Thine Teach us how to love each other Lift us to the joy divine

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts: Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN (3 YEAR-OLDS THROUGH 5TH GRADE)

"Good Shepherd Of My Soul"

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VERSE 1

Good Shepherd of my soul Come dwell within me Take all I am and mould Your likeness in me Before the cross of Christ This is my sacrifice A life laid down and ready to follow

VERSE 2

The troubled find their peace In true surrender The prisoners their release From chains of anger In springs of living grace I find a resting place

To rise refreshed and ready to follow

VERSE 3

I'll walk this narrow road With Christ before me Where thorns and thistles grow And cords ensnare me Though doubted and denied He never leaves my side But lifts my head and calls me to follow

VERSE 4

And when my days are gone My strength is failing He'll carry me along Through death's unveiling Earth's struggles overcome Heaven's journey just begun To search Christ's depths and ever to follow To search Christ's depths and ever to follow

THE FIRST LESSON

Liturgist: A reading from Acts 8:26-40.

²⁶ Then 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.) ²⁷ 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 ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² 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. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ 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?" ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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.

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Liturgist: A reading from Psalm 66:1-9.

- Make a joyful noise to God, * all the earth;
- ² sing the glory of his name; * give to him glorious praise.
- ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! * Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
- ⁴ All the earth worships you; *
 - they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."
- ⁵ Come and see what God has done: * he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
- He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. *
 There we rejoiced in him,
- ⁷ who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations * let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples, *

- let the sound of his praise be heard,
- 9 who has kept us among the living, * and has not let our feet slip.

THE SECOND LESSON

Liturgist: A reading from 1 John 3:18-24.

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

Please stand and sing.

"All Because Of Christ"

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CHORUS

Hallelujah Our hearts cannot contain All the glory of the Name above all Names Hallelujah Our praises lifted high And its all because of Christ And its all because of Christ

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading today is from John 14:15-21.

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This 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. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live,

you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They 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 HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying

"Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The People may add their own petitions

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly

follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Celebrant: On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We invite you to take advantage of several opportunities:

All baptized Christians of any age are welcome and encouraged to receive communion. Glutenfree wafers are available; grape juice is available from our acolyte. Please place your empty cup in the trash receptacle near the offering basket as you return to your seat. We ask that households maintain social distance with one another when coming forward to receive the sacrament.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Hail The Day That Christ Arose"

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VERSE 1

Hail the day that Christ arose Through the skies to world's unknown Glorious there He ever reigns Object of all heaven's praise

VERSE 2

See Him lift His hands above See the scars of His great love He has conquered death and sin Saving all who hope in Him

CHORUS 1

Hallelujah hallelujah The King of Love is on His throne Hallelujah hallelujah His grace will lead us safely home

VERSE 3

Though He dwells beyond the stars His redeemed are on His heart Even now He intercedes Jesus cares for all our needs

"Nothing But The Blood"

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CHORUS 1

O precious is the flow That makes me white as snow No other fount I know Nothing but the blood of Jesus

VERSE 1

What can wash away my sin Nothing but the blood of Jesus What can make me whole again Nothing but the blood of Jesus

VERSE 2

For my pardon this I see Nothing but the blood of Jesus For my cleansing this my plea Nothing but the blood of Jesus

VERSE 3

Nothing can for sin atone Nothing but the blood of Jesus Naught of good that I have done Nothing but the blood of Jesus

VERSE 4

This is all my hope and peace Nothing but the blood of Jesus This is all my righteousness Nothing but the blood of Jesus

THE DOXOLOGY

Please stand and sing.

"Doxology"

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INTRO:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE HYMN IN RECESSION

"Build My Life"

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VERSE 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You

VERSE 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name Jesus the only one who could ever save Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You We live for You

CHORUS 1

Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

BRIDGE

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken

SENDING FORTH

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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MISSION TEAMS

Angel Wings

Prepares meals to those who are going through trying times such as an illness, a move, new baby, etc. Team leader: Carrie Setterberg

Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman

Seeks to serve Jesus Christ through ministering to those touched by possible crisis pregnancy. Team leaders: Andi Wheeler and Lori Nielson

Davidson College

Walks alongside Davidson College students through a variety of means, including outreach, Bible Studies, social gatherings, and pairing students with an "Adoptive" Good Shepherd Family. Team leader: Kenzie Brastow

Inheritance of Hope

Serves families who are facing the loss of a parent through illness. Team leader: Gina Roes

Loaves & Fishes

Collects toiletry donations for the local food pantry. Team leader: Lesley Lee

Refugee Support Services

Helps newly arrived refugees make Charlotte their new home. Team leader: Ruston Dickens

Land of a Thousand Hills

Help farmers in Rwanda, Thailand, and Haiti make a living wage by buying coffee. Order at https://landofathousandhills.com/collections/coffee.

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Helps people around the world translate the Bible into their own languages, and provides language development, literacy and other spiritual and physical needs. Team leader: Angie Simmons