



## ***Welcome to Worship!*** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### ***Prelude***

#### ***Gathering Song - "Rise, Shine, You People!"***

Rise, shine, you people!

Christ the Lord has entered our human story;

God in him is centered.

He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;

He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.

All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,

Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.

To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.

Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.

Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.

### ***Opening***

P - Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C - Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### ***Thanksgiving for Baptism***

P - Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, our light and our salvation.

C - Amen.

P - Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C - We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

P - Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**C - By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

P - We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**C - Shower us with your Spirit. And renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

P - To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C - Amen.**

### ***Greeting***

P - The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C - And also with you.**

### ***Prayer of the Day***

P - Holy Lord,

**C - within your church, your followers have often allowed their disagreements to get in the way of being faithful to your word. Remove any barriers our communities face that prevent us from sharing your word and building up your church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### ***Announcements***

#### ***Children's Time - Marcie Wilson***

#### ***1st Reading - Acts 18:1-4***

L - Word of God, word of life!

**C - Thanks be to God!**

#### ***2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18***

L - Word of God, word of life!

**C - Thanks be to God!**

#### ***Gospel Reading - Mark 9:33-35***

L - Word of God, word of life!

**C - Thanks be to God!**

***Song - "I Will Follow (screen)"***

Where You go, I'll go; Where you stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow.

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure;  
I will trust in You alone.  
Higher than my sight, high above my life;  
I will trust in You alone.

Where You go, I'll go; Where you stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.  
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.  
I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, Light into my life,  
I will live for You alone.  
You're the one I seek, knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone. In You alone.  
In You, there's life everlasting. In You, there's freedom for my soul.  
In You, there's joy, unending joy;  
And I will follow...

***Sermon***

***Song - "Called Me Higher (screen)"***

I could just sit, I could just sit and wait for all Your goodness,  
Hope to feel Your presence.  
And I could just stay, I could just stay right where I am and hope to feel You,  
Hope to feel something again.

I could hold on, I could hold on to who I am and never let You  
Change me from the inside.  
I could be safe, oh, I could be safe here in Your arms and never leave home,  
Never let these walls down.

But You have called me higher, You have called me deeper,  
And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord.  
You have called me higher, You have called me deeper,  
And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord. Where you lead me, Lord.

***Apostle's Creed***

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

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy universal church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### ***Prayers of the Church***

L - Lord, in your mercy,  
C - hear our prayer.

### ***Song - "Amazing Love"***

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.  
I'm accepted; You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You.  
Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do I honor You.

You are my King, You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

### ***Thanksgiving for the Word***

### ***Lord's Prayer***

C - 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 your, now and forever. Amen.

### ***Blessing***

P - The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,

C - the blessing of Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

P - and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

C - Amen

### ***Sending Song - "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"***

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:

Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! (x2)

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,  
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

Gives us love to tell, bread to share:

God, Immanuel, ev'rywhere!

### ***Dismissal***

A - Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news!

C - Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

### ***Postlude***

***Readings for Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 6:1-9; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; and Mark 12:28-31***

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