

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S RISEN PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC Love One Another Clay Christiansen

WELCOME AND CENTERING SILENCE Abby Emerson

* UNISON INTROIT FOR EASTER (Hymn 245, v. 1)
Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply. Alleluia!

* OPENING RESPONSES McKenna Jenkins
May the grace and peace of the Risen Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.
By this we are known as his disciples.
Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

* HYMN 240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” ALLELUIA NO. 1

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Blaine Ryan, Jr.
Beloved in Christ, God is with us!
We are not alone!

UNISON CONFESSION Madison Tidwell
We do not always remember to love others as you have loved us. For our failure to love others and you above all else, forgive us. We do not welcome each other as we would welcome you. We often follow the devices and desires of our own hearts, rather than following you. Have mercy on us that we may begin again, forgiven and set free, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Madison Tidwell

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON John 13:31-35 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.108) Landon Vincel

ANTHEM People Need the Lord Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh
Abby Emerson, alto

Every day they pass me by; I can see it in their eyes. Empty people filled with care, headed who knows where. On they go through private pain, living fear to fear. Laughter hides the silent cries. Only Jesus hears. People need the Lord. At the end of broken dreams. He’s the open door. People need the Lord. When will we realize. People need the Lord. We are called to take His light. To a world where wrong seems right. What could be too great a cost for sharing life with one who’s lost? Through His love our hearts can feel. All the grief they bear. They must hear the words of life. Only we can share. That we must give our lives. For people need the Lord? People need the Lord.

SECOND LESSON Matthew 10:32-42 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.10) Blaine Ryan, Jr.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Abby Emerson

SUNG BLESSING
Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
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.

SERMON “Standing Alone with Jesus” Samuel Moyer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN 700 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” I’M GONNA LIVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Christopher Moyer

THE LORD’S PRAYER Sami Ridaoui
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

NEWS OF OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY Dylan Emerson

OFFERTORY Echo Fantasie Gerhardus Scronx

* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Matt Munn

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN 300** “We Are One in the Spirit” THEY WILL KNOW

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Samuel Moyer

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *Sapphire* Hale VanderCook
Dylan Emerson, trombone

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

10 a.m.
