



Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

Preparing for Worship: What difference does the Resurrection make? The Easter season readings from the Bible give us examples of the difference it made to the earliest followers of Jesus, and invite us to ask ourselves that question, as individuals and as a community of faith. Today: Philip has a choice to make, and he chooses to offer love and acceptance in the name of the Risen Christ.

We Approach God

Music for Gathering *I Am Thine, O Lord (piano)* *Wm. Doane, arr. Mary McDonald*
"I am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy voice, and it told Thy Love to Me" *Fanny Crosby*

Words of Welcome & Acknowledgment of the Land

Centering

*In the name of God, grace and peace be with you.
And also with you.*

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

We are Children of the Creator,
gathered together in time and place.
We are followers of the Way of Jesus Christ,
journeying together with siblings in faith all around the world.
We are people of the Spirit,
**gifted with faith and courage to live God's Dream
and the Way of Christ, in prayer, in action, in love.**
Let us spend this time in worship, in company with the Triune God,
seeking holy wisdom for faithful living, loving and action.

Opening Hymn *Draw the Circle Wide* **MV 145**
verses in English. refrain between v.2-3 in French

Prayer for Gathering and Reflection

We Listen for God's Word

Sharing Stories from the Scriptures Acts 8:26-40, I John 4:7-21
This is the Good News of God in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem The Greatest of These Is Love *Anna Laura Page*
Reflecting on the Text Meeting Life (all of it) with Love.
Song I Have Called You by Your Name **MV 161**

We Gather at the Table

Offering Our Time, Talent and Treasure, Bread and Cup

Offering Prayer

Invitation to Communion

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us lift up our hearts to God.
We lift our hearts in prayer and praise.

Communion Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Sung **VU 960**

Sharing the Bread of Life and the Cup of Blessing

Communion Anthem At the Table of the Lord

D. Angermann & J.M. Martin
(Pre-recorded by CPU Choir)

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God,
may we who share Christ's body, live his risen life;
we who drink his cup, bring new life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Send us forth, renewed in faith, in hope and in love. Amen

We Prepare to Serve God in the World

Life and Work of the Faith Community

Sending Out with Blessing

Closing Song Go Now In Peace

Don Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.

Postlude Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (*piano*)

John Zundel, arr. Lloyd Larson

"Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art." *Charles Wesley*

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*Onsite worshippers are invited to stay for conversation over (Fair Trade) Coffee.
If you are able, please help us set up chairs for the upcoming week's events*

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