

Order of Worship
FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE EASTER SEASON
9:30 am – May 7, 2023

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Kyle Hanks, organ

arr. Lloyd Larson

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GREETING

HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing

UMH 568

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1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.
3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Fran Turner, liturgist

The Lord is our refuge.

We can find peace in God's abiding love.

When troubles assail us, we call upon the Lord.

When joys abound, we call upon the Lord.

Welcome this day to God's house, one of many dwellings of the Almighty One.

We thank you and praise God for his refuge and sanctuary. Amen.

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HYMN

We Are God's People

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1. We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, born of the Spirit, established by the Word.
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand;
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord, for we have known it, the love of God outpoured.
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;
O let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.
3. We are the body of which the Lord is Head, called to obey Christ, now risen from the dead.
God wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God and so shall God's work on earth be done.
4. We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place, formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace.
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire;
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light and to inspire.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL OFFERING

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Katherine K. Davis

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson-Director; Kyle Hanks-Organist; Mary Ellen Reedie-Violin; Chad Cullins-Clarinet

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2: 2-10 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Fran Turner, liturgist

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt McPhee

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Surely the Presence of the Lord
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Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Redeeming God, the gifts we bring to you this day, we dedicate to the work of kingdom building. Even more, we offer ourselves as material for this work. Imperfect as we are, we know with Christ as the cornerstone, you can build your vision of mercy, justice, peace, and compassion here in our midst. In Christ, our rock and redeemer. Amen.

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HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.
4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.
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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

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THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be
for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**
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LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Westminster Abbey"
Kyle Hanks, organ

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guideth us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His Light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light!

His law He enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in his orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Prayer Requests

Korean UMC of Oxnard—Pastor Chae Hon Nam

Ridgecrest UMC—Pastor Wesley Elmore

Robert & Melody Deal—Granddaughter Bonnie in ICU after a severe fall.

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.