



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

10:30am

GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder Kelly Couch

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gary McCall, *Liturgist*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!

Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

Let us feel the presence of God's grace and love!

O Holy spirit, lead us on in worship;

Call us each by name, that we may give God glory!

*OPENING HYMN

Christ Has Risen while Earth Slumbers

No. 231

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride.

Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love that we may enter your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with you forevermore. Amen.

*You are invited to stand.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

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Hymn numbers correspond to the pages in the red or purple *Glory to God* hymn book in the pew rack in front of you.

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Assurance of Pardon

... So believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new, abundant life.

Alleluia! Amen!

**Response to Pardon* Glory Be to the Father No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

GATHERING SONG I Come with Joy (*st 1*) No. 515

During the Gathering Song, children are invited to come sit on the front row of chairs by the piano.

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,

The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION God Is Calling through the Whisper No. 410

St 1

RESPONSIVE READING Shepherd Me, O God No. 473

GOSPEL READING John 10:1-10 NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Christians: Sheep in the City Elder Kelly Couch

RESPOND

* HYMN OF RESPONSE Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table No. 506

Alt Tune: Holy Manna

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Confession of 1967

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many

rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all men. God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY, CONNECTION, SERVICE AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE

God is Calling through the Whisper

No. 410

St 2

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

You are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to "LPC") in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. (Note - this QR code does NOT work in Venmo/Paypal or any other third party app.) You are encouraged to pray about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.



Offertory

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 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**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND THE 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 debts¹ 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.

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*SENDING HYMN

God is Calling through the Whisper

No. 410

St 3

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Following the Postlude, you are invited to enjoy refreshments,*

¹ When saying the Lord's Prayer, some prefer to use the words "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" or "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Please pray as you feel led.

coffee, and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

Worship may be over, but our **service** has just begun.

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