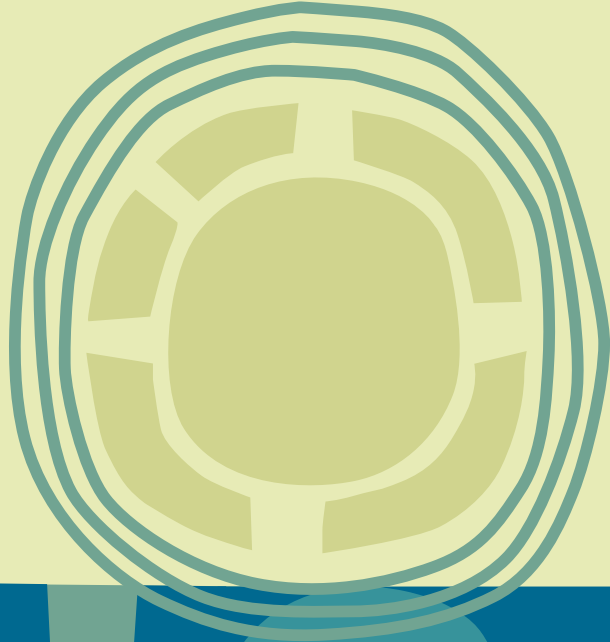


ALLELUIA!

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 7, 2023



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

We gather together...

INTROIT

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

People, hear the good news: Jesus Christ who was crucified rose victorious over injustice, sin, and death.

Thanks be to God! We have been born into a living hope through the resurrection.

Rejoice in the love of God: a love that pursues us, redeems, us and restores us.

Praise God! We raise our voices to heaven, proclaiming the mystery of God's saving grace.

***HYMN #249: Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven**

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55-60 (*New Testament page 126*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

HYMNAL #797: Psalm 31

SECOND LESSON

I Peter 2:2-10 (*New Testament page 233*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 14:1-14 (*New Testament pages 108-109*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN #259:** *Christ is Alive!*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

***HYMN #343:** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS OF CHURCH LIFE AND FINANCES

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***HYMN #568:** *Come, Share the Lord*

HOLY COMMUNION

*Call to Communion

*Affirmation of Faith

**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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

TAKING

Institution

Sung Response

**His dying we proclaim. Alleluia! Amen!
His rising we declare. Alleluia! Amen!
His coming we await, now as these gifts we take.
Glory to God on high! Alleluia! Amen!**

BLESSING

BREAKING

Breaking the bread, pouring the cup.

GIVING

Offering the bread, offering the cup.

THANKSGIVING

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN** #720: *Rise Up, O Saints of God*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Join us after the service for coffee and conversation, in the Narthex.

Welcome!

GREETER: Cinda Madonna

READERS: Colin and Sarah Quackenbush

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Jane Leach

USHER: Jane Leach

COFFEE SERVERS: Dick and Carol Sundholm

ACOLYTES: Phia and Elsie

LIVESTREAM: Signe

