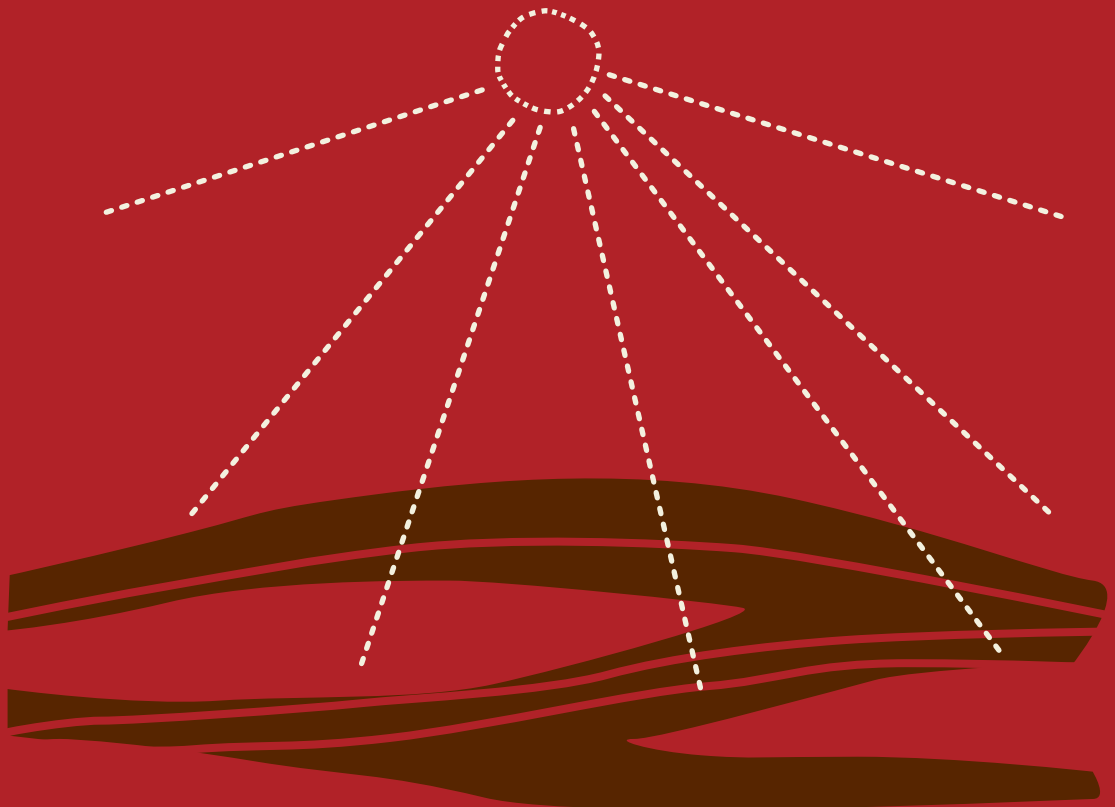


# REJOICE

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday, April 28, 2024



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

*We gather together...*

**PRELUDE:** Variations on the Hymn *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**WELCOME**

**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! Let us raise our voices to heaven, proclaiming the mystery of God's saving grace.**

\***HYMN #255:** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

\***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**

I John 4:7-21

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

**PSALM**

Psalm 22: 25-31 **Amen.**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

John 15:1-8

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**\*HYMN #580:** *God Bless Your Church with Strength!*

**SERMON:** *Rev. Mark Pattie*

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

**\*HYMN #281:** *Come, O Creator Spirit, Come*

**INSTALLATION OF LAUREN ST. MARTIN AS PASTOR**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERINGS TO GOD**

\*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.**

**CONSECRATION OF THE PASTORAL STAFF**

*...in the places we now go.*

\***HYMN** #605: *Renew Your Church*

\***BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ARR.: Karen Black

*Join us after the service for a reception for Pastor Lauren St. Martin,  
in the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary.*

*Welcome!*

GREETER: Tom LaPaze

READERS: Adam and Sheri Johnson family

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Jane Leach

USHER: Claire Scranton

COFFEE SERVERS: Cinda Madonna, Stephanie Nelson and Katherine Hampton

LIVESTREAM: Axel Nelson

