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"Sharing the love of Jesus by glorifying God and extending His kingdom"

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **Sunday, May 3, 2026**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us
(*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,

now and forever.

Amen.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"

Words and Music by
Matt Crocker, Joel Houston
and Salomon Lighthelm

WELCOME SONG

"I Am the Church"

Chorus

I am the church
You are the church
We are the church together
All who follow Jesus
All around the world
Yes, we're the church together

The church is not a building
The church is not a steeple
The church is not a resting place
The church is a people *Chorus*

We're many kinds of people
With many kinds of faces
All colors and all ages too
From all times and places *Chorus*

Sometimes the church is marching

Sometimes it's bravely burning
Sometimes it's riding sometimes hiding
Always it's learning *Chorus*

And when the people gather
There's singing and there's praying
There's laughing and there's crying
sometimes
All of it saying *Chorus*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also, with you.**

KYRIE

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

GLORIA

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READINGS

READER: Luke Richardson

FIRST READING:

Acts 7:55-60

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

(Read Responsively)

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶ **Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 2:2-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your
saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us; speak until
our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news
that you bring.**

GOSPEL:

John 14:1-14

SERMON

ANTHEM

“There’ll Be Peace in the Valley”

Thomas Dorsey

Soloist: Robert Pope

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of
the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the
Father: through him all things were
made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, was
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son, * who with the
Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the
prophets. We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic church. We acknowledge
one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS

RESPONSE: *RECEIVE OUR PRAYER*

PEACE

OFFERING

COMMUNION NARRATIVE

LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONGS

“See Ye First”

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev’ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

“No Longer Slaves”

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

From my mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
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You split the sea so I could walk right
through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
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“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I
wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the
trees, when I look down from lofty
mountain grandeur and hear the brook and
feel the gentle breeze, *Refrain*

But when I think that God, his Son not
sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it
in, that on the cross my burden gladly
bearing he bled and died to take away my
sin; *Refrain*

When Christ shall come, with shout of
acclamation, and take me home, what joy
shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in
humble adoration and there proclaim,
“My God, how great thou art!” *Refrain*

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the
end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and His glory
Of Jesus and His love
I love to tell the story
Because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do

Chorus

I love to tell the story
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old old story
Of Jesus and His love

I love to tell the story
More wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies
Of all our golden dreams
I love to tell the story
It did so much for me
And that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee *Chorus*

I love to tell the story
'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it
More wonderfully sweet
I love to tell the story
For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own holy Word *Chorus*

I love to tell the story
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest
And when in scenes of glory
I sing the new new song
'Twill be the old old story
That I have loved so long *Chorus*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching Pastor-Pastor Scott Lindner
Presiding Pastor-Pastor Jeff Glawe
Praise Band Music Director-Brian Lindner
Celebration Choir Director-Sally Schaefer
Assist. Minister-Walt Frank
IT/Livestream-Scott Giesking
Reader-Luke Richardson
Keyboardist-Ken Hanks
Worship & Music Director-Rebecca Parker