

“FOLLOW ME.”

John 21:19



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If you're looking for a community that seeks to follow God's vision, there is a place for you here. Trust that the mystery of God has brought you this far on your journey and will guide your future steps. All of who you are is welcome here.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE: *"Rise and Sing"*

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If you're alive and you've been redeemed

Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing

If you've been touched by the mercy King

Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If you were bound but now you're free

Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing

Lift up a shout of victory

Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Our God is risen and reigning

And we're elevating

the Glory of our God and King

Everybody Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If in your heart rings a melody

Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing

If you have tasted and have seen

Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Our God is risen and reigning

And we're elevating

the Glory of our God and King

Our God is risen and reigning
And we're elevating
the Glory of our God and King
Everybody Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Let the redeemed of the Lord sing hallelujah (hallelujah)
Let the redeemed of the Lord sing our God reigns (our God reigns)

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Let the redeemed of the Lord sing our God reigns (our God reigns)

Our God is risen and reigning
And we're elevating
the Glory of our God and King

Our God is risen and reigning
And we're elevating
the Glory of our God and King
Everybody Rise and Sing

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Behold, the resurrection claims us!

All: We want to see with our eyes and touch with our hands the marks of God's sacrificial love.

L: Behold, the Spirit calls to us!

All: We want to know the peace of those who believe where they have not seen.

L: Christ is risen! God is light! We live in this light!

All: **Blessed are those who live the resurrection. May we join their everlasting song: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! Amen!**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: With souls purified by God's redeeming love,

All: **let us offer to one another genuine, mutual love, a love planted in the peace of Christ, a love that fills our hearts with peace and joy.**

P: The peace of the risen Christ is with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Please share the peace with each other.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign that is marked at baptism.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia.**

P: In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

All: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,

All: **let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.**

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

All: **Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

All: Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

All: Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

All: We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Amen.

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN OF THE DAY: "My Savior Lives"

Verse 1:

Our God who reigns forever
And all the world
Will know His name
Ev'ryone together
Sing the song of the redeemed

Chorus:

I know that my redeemer lived
And now I stand on what he did
My Savior, my Savior lives

Ev'ryday a brand new chance to say
Jesus You are the only way
My Savior, my Savior lives

Verse 2:

The King has come from heaven
And darkness trembles at His name
Victory forever is the song of the redeemed

Chorus

My Savior lives, My Savior lives
My Savior lives
My Savior lives, My Savior lives
My Savior lives

Chorus

INVOCATION

P: Come, gather together, disciples, and meet Jesus,

All: who comes to us, risen and whole.

P: Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the Christ

All: who brings to us peace and new life!

P: Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the future:

All: the future calling us to be a resurrection people!

LITANY: “*You Break In*” by Roddy Hamilton

L: You break in, O God, on the road

All: you break in, O God, exactly the way we don't believe

L: you break in, O God, and change everything

All: You break in, O God, with a call

L: you break in, O God, with an invitation

All: you break in, O God, with the truth

L: You break in, O God, with a new world

All: You break in, O God, with your intent for the future

L: God, break in again and call us to be your workers

**All: God, break in again and use the gifts we are to build
your realm**

L: God, break in again

All: and change our world once more.

HYMN OF PRAISE



All: Cre - a - ted for a life to - geth - er, we
With sun and moon and stars of hea - ven we



come a - live in you. Now, in your fel-low-ship you
name you as our light; In mor - ning star and pas-chal



birth us, and give us life a - new. To - day we
can - dle You make our darkness bright. In wind or



come to sing your prais - es; Our hearts made one in
calm, in storm or sun - shine the earth sings forth your



song praise; to Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit in
With trees and fields and flow - ing ri - ver we



whom we all be - long. We
owe you all our days. We

sing to the God of sun-rise, of kindled hearts and emp-ty
 sing to our God who knows us in joy or sor-row, pain or
 tomb. We sing to the God of sha-dows, of shat-tered
 pleasure. We sing to our God now with us, Im-man-u-
 dreams and bar-ren womb; We sing to our God of
 el, our price-less treasure; We sing to our God of
 1. Love! With sun and
 2. Love! We sing to our God of Love!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord of Life, you meet us on the road, challenge our prejudices, and upend of our lives.

All: Remove the scales from our eyes—that we may see the breadth of your love, the diversity of the ones we are called to love, and the joy of extending your welcome.

L: Fill us with your Spirit,

All: that we might love one another as our shepherd loves us. Amen.

Be Seated

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

R: Risen Christ, may the words we speak and the stories we hear

All: invite us into a deeper relationship with you and with one another. Amen.

R: The first reading is from Acts, chapter nine, beginning with the first verse.

READING: *Acts 9:1-20*

Meanwhile Saul continued to breathe murderous threats against the disciples of Jesus. He had gone up to the high priest and asked for letters, addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, that would authorize him to arrest and take to Jerusalem any followers of the Way that he could find, both women and men.

As he traveled along and was approaching Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed about him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

“Who are you?” Saul asked.

The voice answered, “I am Jesus, and you are persecuting me. Get up now and go into the city, where you will be told what to do.” Those traveling with him were speechless. They heard the voice, but could see no one.

Saul got up from the ground unable to see, even though his eyes were open. They had to take him by the hand and lead him into Damascus. For three days he continued to be blind, during which time he ate and drank nothing.

There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. Christ appeared to him in a vision, saying, “Ananias.”

Ananias said, “Here I am.”

Then Christ said to him, “Go at once to Straight Street, and at the house of Judah ask for a certain Saul of Tarsus. He is there praying. Saul had a vision that a man named Ananias will come and lay hands on him so that he would recover his sight.”

But Ananias protested, “I have heard from many sources about Saul and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. He is here now with authorization from the chief priests to arrest everybody who calls on your name.”

Christ said to Ananias, “Go anyway. Saul is the instrument I have chosen to bring my Name to Gentiles, to rulers, and to the people of Israel. I myself will show him how much he will have to suffer for my name.”

With that Ananias left. When he entered the house, he laid his hands on Saul, saying, “Saul, my brother, I have been sent by Jesus Christ, who appeared to you on the way here, to help you recover your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized, and his strength returned after he had eaten some food.

Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days, and soon began proclaiming in the synagogues that Jesus was the Only Begotten of God.

R: The Holy One is with us this day,

All: offering us God’s love and light.

R: The risen Christ is among us,

All: inviting us to share what we have seen and heard.

R: The Holy Spirit guides our way,

All: teaching us to take care of our neighbors,

R: and making sure that all are welcomed and loved.

All: Praise be to God!

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O God.

GOSPEL: *John 21:1-19*

Later Jesus again was manifested to the disciples at Lake Tiberias. This is how the appearance took place.

Assembled were Simon Peter, Thomas “the Twin,” Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, Zebedee’s children, and two other disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I’m going out to fish.”

“We’ll join you,” they replied, and went off to get into their boat.

All through the night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus was standing on the shore, though none of the disciples knew it was Jesus. He said to them, “Have you caught anything, friends?”

“Not a thing,” they answered.

“Cast your net off to the starboard side,” Jesus suggested, “and you’ll find something.”

So they made a cast and caught so many fish that they

couldn't haul the net in. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved cried out to Peter, "It's the Teacher!"

Upon hearing this, Simon Peter threw on his cloak—he was naked—and jumped into the water.

Meanwhile the other disciples brought the boat to shore, towing the net full of fish. They were not far from land—no more than a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw that a charcoal fire had been prepared, with fish and some bread already being grilled. "Bring some of the fish you just caught," Jesus told them. Simon Peter went aboard and hauled ashore the net, which was loaded with huge fish—one hundred fifty-three of them. In spite of the great number, the net was not torn.

"Come and eat your meal," Jesus told them.

None of the disciples dared to ask, "Who are you?"—they knew it was the savior.

Jesus came over, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This marked the third time that Jesus had appeared to the disciples after being raised from the dead.

When they had eaten their meal, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon ben-John, do you love me more than these?"

Peter said, "Yes, Rabbi, you know that I'm your friend."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

A second time Jesus put the question, "Simon ben-John, do you love me?"

Peter said, "Yes, Rabbi, you know that I'm your friend."

Jesus replied, "Tend my sheep."

A third time Jesus asked him, "Simon ben-John, do you love me as a friend would?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked, "Do you love me?" a third time. So he said, "You know everything, Rabbi. You know that I am your friend."

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. The truth of the matter is, when you were young, you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you get old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will put a belt around you and take you where you don’t want to go.”

With these words, Jesus indicated the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.

Then the savior said, “Follow me.”

P: The Gospel of the risen Savior.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME – Pastor Tim

Please Stand

PRE-MESSAGE SONG: *“Here with Me”*

Verse 1:

I long for Your embrace
Every single day
To meet You in this place
And see You face to face
Will You show me
Reveal Yourself to me
Because of Your mercy
I fall down on my knees

Chorus:

(And) I can feel Your presence here with me
Suddenly I'm lost within Your beauty
Caught up in the wonder of Your touch
Here in this moment I surrender to Your love

Verse 2:

You're everywhere I go
I am not alone
You call me as Your own
To know You and be known
You are holy and I fall
Down to my knees

Chorus

I surrender to Your grace
I surrender to the One
Who took my place

Chorus

Be Seated

MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . **MEAL** . . . SENDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

All: **Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

THANKFUL OFFERING



OFFERING SONG: "We Fall Down"

We Fall Down, we lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of His mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb

Repeat

Please Stand

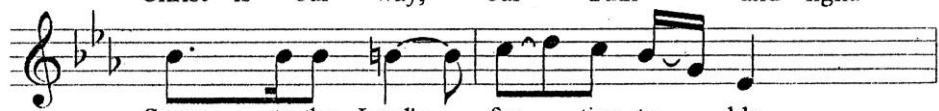
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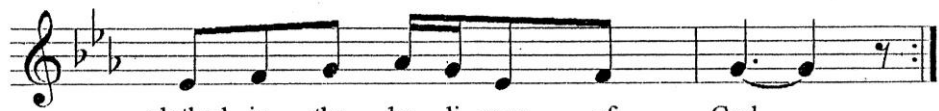
All: Now is the time to ban - ish all dark - ness;
Here we are made to shine in God's glo - ry.



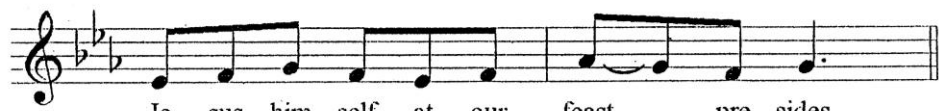
Christ is our way, our truth and light.



Come to the Lord's fes - tive ta - ble
Here we be - come a liv - ing of - fer - ing—



clothed in the ho - li - ness of God.
ho - ly com - mun - ion in Christ.



Je - sus him - self at our feast pre - sides.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Christ asks: “Do you love me? Feed my lambs.”

All: Receive our love, creator.

L: Christ challenges: “Do you love me? Tend my sheep.”

All: Receive our service, Holy One.

L: Christ entreats: “Do you love me? Feed my sheep.”

All: Receive our Gifts, gracious Savior.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Open up your hearts.

All: We open them to our Creator.

L: Let us give thanks and celebrate.

All: It is good to do so.

P: Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, we walk with Jesus, but do not recognize him. Yet Jesus persists, opening our hearts to truth and love as we share table with him.

As he gathers us close, Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, and breaks it, and we eat together: you, me, and Christ at the table. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people. It is during the meal that we recognize Christ, see the gift of God's love, and are transformed. Only then can we truly say, "The Lord has risen!" for Christ is risen in our

hearts. Friends, loved ones, this table is prepared by Christ for the transformation and redemption of the world.

All: At this table, we recognize Christ and God's love rises in our hearts. Come, let us break bread with the One who is present now.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

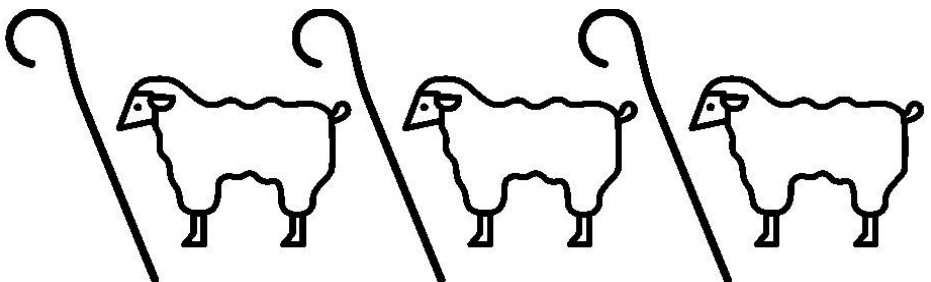
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: This is the food that opens our hearts to know the Risen Christ. This is the place where we are all welcome, whether we come with nagging doubts or with firm belief.

All: For here God meets us with a love that is everlasting.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you forward to communion after the Lamb of God is sung.



LAMB OF GOD

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All: Oh Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the

1.

sin of the world, Have mer - cy on us. Oh

2.

mer - cy on us. Oh grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a triplet of eighth notes followed by a quarter rest, then a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'All: Oh Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the' are written below the first two staves. The second staff continues the melody with a first ending bracket over the final two measures. The lyrics 'sin of the world, Have mer - cy on us. Oh' are written below. The third staff begins with a second ending bracket over the first two measures. The lyrics 'mer - cy on us. Oh grant us peace,' are written below. The fourth and fifth staves complete the piece with the lyrics 'grant us peace, grant us peace.' The music concludes with a double bar line.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

For walking communion:

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the bread into, then take a cup of wine (red) grape juice (yellow) or water (center of tray) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.



COMMUNION HYMN: “Communion”

Chorus:

This is the body
This is the blood
Broken and poured out
For all of us
(And) In this communion
We share in His love
This is the body
This is the blood

Verse:

I will remember ev'rything Lord
That You've done for me
I won't take for granted the sacrifice
That set me free
I hunger and thirst for Your love
Come fill me today

Chorus

Bridge:

We hunger and thirst for Your love
And Your righteousness
We long for Your presence here Lord
Be with us again

Chorus (2x)

Ending:

This is the body
This is the blood

COMMUNION HYMN: “Come to the Table”

Come to the table of mercy
Prepared with the wine and the bread
All who are hungry and thirsty
Come and your souls will be fed

Come at the Lord’s invitation
Receive from his nail-scarred hands
Eat of the bread of salvation
Drink of the blood of the Lamb

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of word and sacrament.

All: May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.

All: Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

BLESSING

P: With Mary and the disciples and all those who live in Christ,

All: let us rejoice that we have seen our Savior, who is not dead, but lives.

P: In the love of the Creator; in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and the power of the Holy Spirit,

All: let us go forth to love and serve the world.

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed. Amen.

CLOSING SONG: “Thrive”

Intro:

Oh...a oh oh, Oh.. a oh, oh, Oh... a oh oh

Oh...a oh oh, Oh.. a oh, oh, Oh...

Verse 1:

Here in this worn and weary land

Where many a dream has died

Like a tree planted by the water,

We never will run dry

Chorus:

So, living water flowing through,

God, we thirst for more of You

Fill our hearts, and flood our souls with one desire

Just to know You, and to make You known.

We lift Your name on high.

Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide

We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives

It's time for us to more than just survive:

We were made to thrive

Repeat Intro: (Ohs)

Oh...a oh oh, Oh.. a oh, oh, Oh... a oh oh
Oh...a oh oh, Oh.. a oh, oh, Oh...

Verse 2:

Into Your Word we're digging deep
to know our Father's heart.
Into the world we're reaching out to show
Them who You are

Chorus

Bridge:

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable,
Love unstoppable, anything is possible
Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable,
Love unstoppable, anything is possible

Just to know You, and to make You known.
We lift Your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive

Repeat Intro: (Ohs)

We were made to thrive

DISMISSAL

L: Go in Easter peace and joy!

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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