

**Morning Worship**  
**Fourth Sunday of easter**  
**May 11, 2025**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!  
(Psalm 117:1-2).

**Adoration**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (TH296)*

*All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.*

*Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all.*

*Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.*

*Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.*

*Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.*

*O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;  
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;  
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.*

**\*Invocation**

**\*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 debts, 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.

## **Confession**

### **Call to Confession**

“What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: ‘None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God.’ ... Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin” (Romans 3:9-11, 19-20).

### **Corporate Confession of Sin**

Father, you are life itself: you are completely and totally good, beautiful, right, and true. You created us in Your image to reflect Your life, in goodness, beauty, righteousness, and truth. But instead of choosing to reflect you, we chose to reject You: to reject life. That choice resulted in dying and death, just as You warned us. And in our dying bodies, we still choose death today. But you have not left us to face death alone. Rather, to restore us from death to life, You sent Jesus for our sake, and made Him one of us: not only to face death ultimately, but also to reflect You perfectly, in our place. Now we can come to you through Jesus, by faith in Him. Forgive us our sins, Father. Fill us with your Spirit. Restore us from death to life. And do these things for Jesus’s sake, so that we might better reflect You and Your eternal life, and truly offer hope to a dead and dying world.

### **Silent Confession of Sin**

## **Assurance**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

...God put [Christ Jesus] forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ... For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith (Romans 3:25-26, 28-30)

## **Thanksgiving**

### **Offertory**

**\*Gloria Patri**

*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.*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Petition and Intercession**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Silent Prayer for the Salvation of Others**

**Instruction**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*The Spirit Breathes upon the Word (TH145)*

*The Spirit breathes upon the Word, and brings the truth to sight;  
Precepts and promises afford a sanctifying light, a sanctifying light.*

*A glory gilds the sacred page, majestic, like the sun:  
It gives a light to every age; it gives, but borrows none, it gives, but borrows none.*

*The Hand that gave it still supplies the gracious light and heat:  
His truths upon the nations rise; they rise, but never set, they rise, but never set.*

*Let everlasting thanks be thine for such a bright display as makes a world of darkness shine  
With beams of heav'nly day, with beams of heav'nly day.*

*My soul rejoices to pursue the steps of him I love.  
Till glory break upon my view in brighter worlds above, in brighter worlds above.*

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

**Leader:** The word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

**New Testament Reading**

John 19:14-37

**Leader:** The word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

**Sermon**

John 19:28-30

Mr. Mark Capper

**Communion**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*In Christ Alone*

*In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone! – who took on flesh, fulness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!*

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### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Sursum Corda

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And with your spirit.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation: It is good and right to do so.**

We welcome to Communion (also called The Lord's Table or The Eucharist) all baptized Christians who have received and are resting on Jesus alone for salvation, and are communing members of any church that faithfully proclaims the gospel. If that does not currently describe you, we invite you to participate by observing but not partaking of the elements – in part because of the warnings Scripture gives those who

partake of the Supper without discerning its spiritual significance; but also because we don't want you to express something with your body that isn't true of your heart and mind, namely, that you're trusting in and depending on Jesus as your Lord and Savior. We invite you to take this time to consider what you've seen and heard in the worship service, including Jesus' love for sinners as it is portrayed in this meal. There's also a prayer below for those considering Christianity that you might wish to pray. If this raises questions or concerns, we welcome them and invite you to address them to our pastor or elders.

*Prayer for those searching for truth:* Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If you are real, please open my heart and mind to the truth of who you are and what you have done in your life, death, and resurrection. Give me faith to trust you for salvation and satisfaction, and to follow you as my Lord. Help me to see this as the only way to the life you promise and for which I long. Amen.

*Prayer for Christians:* Lord, you have prepared for me a feast; and though I am unworthy to sit down as a guest, I rest on the merits of Jesus, and come clothed in his righteousness. While I see the bread and the cup, may I ponder why Jesus died and hear him say, "I gave my life to purchase yours, presented myself as an offering to satisfy divine justice, shed my blood to blot out your guilt, opened my side to make you clean, endured your curses to set you free." May I obey, extend the hand, take the bread, receive the cup, eat and drink, testify before all that I gladly receive Jesus to be my life, strength, nourishment, joy, delight. In the Supper give me assurance of pardon, adoption, life, and glory. As the outward elements nourish my body, may your Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast. Amen.

- excerpted and adapted from *Valley of Vision*, "The Lord's Supper"

## Charge and Blessing

### \*Closing Hymn

*Amazing Grace! (TH460)*

*Amazing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!*

*I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*Thro' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.*

*And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.*

**\*Benediction**

*\*congregation standing*

*\*\*universal*