

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

***Easter Proclamation**
Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***Gathering Song #23 "All Creatures of Our God and King"** *LASST UNS EEFREUEN*

***Call to Worship†**
Praise the Lord from the heavens!
Praise God in the heights above!
Praise the Lord, all you angels!
Praise God all you heavenly host!
Praise the Lord, sun and moon!
Praise God, all you shining stars!
Praise the Lord, you mountains and hills, you beasts and cattle!
Praise God, you creatures of the deep, you flying birds!
Praise the Lord, O Kings of the earth!
Praise God, young and old, every man and every woman!
Let everyone praise the Lord, for God's name alone is holy!
The glory of the Lord is above all the earth!
Let all the faithful praise the Lord!

***Opening Prayer**

Songs of Faith "Mighty to Save" **Worship Team**
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Proclamation of Faith & Forgiveness†

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Don Johnson

The First Reading Acts 11:1-18

The Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** John 13:31-35

***Responsorial #595 "They'll Know We Are Christians"** *PETER SCHOLTES*

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community – 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - A collection plate is available in the front of the Sanctuary, ushers will collect the offering, or you can give online.

Offertory **WSBC Choir**

Prayer, and The Message "CHANGED: Laborers of Love"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Closing Hymn #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth"** *DIX*

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** Janice Hedberg, Church Organist

**Stand when able*

HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).
5. **HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD** – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and covenant of this may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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