

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2023

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

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

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

*Opening (Stand) #544 "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

*Call to Worship (Stand)

Come to Christ, the living stone, rejected by mortals,
But chosen and precious in God's sight!

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Therefore, we will not be put to shame!

Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,
For you are a royal priesthood!

We offer to God our praise and worship!

We glorify the Lord by obedience and just living!

Come to Christ, a precious, living stone,
For on this foundation, you are a chosen race, a holy nation!

God has dealt with us mercifully, who has called us

Out of darkness and into his marvelous light!

†Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "Lightening from the East: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year A." ©2014. Cascade Books, Eugene, OR. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

*Opening Prayer (Stand)

Song of Faith "Reckless Love" WORSHIP TEAM

Proclamation of Faith and Forgiveness The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Alleluia # WORSHIP TEAM

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Pat Carpenter

The First Reading Acts 7:55-60

The Second Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) John 14:1-14

*Responsorial "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Rexanne Greuter, Solo

*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)

The Children's Sermon

Announcements & Prayers of the Community Prayer

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - Worshippers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord.

Prayer of Dedication

A Prayer of Illumination & The Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Communion Song # 451 "Be Still, My Soul" FINLANDIA

Invitation & Words of Institution

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper

Breaking of Bread *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

Passing of the Cup *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

*Closing Hymn (Stand) # 393 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" DENNIS

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

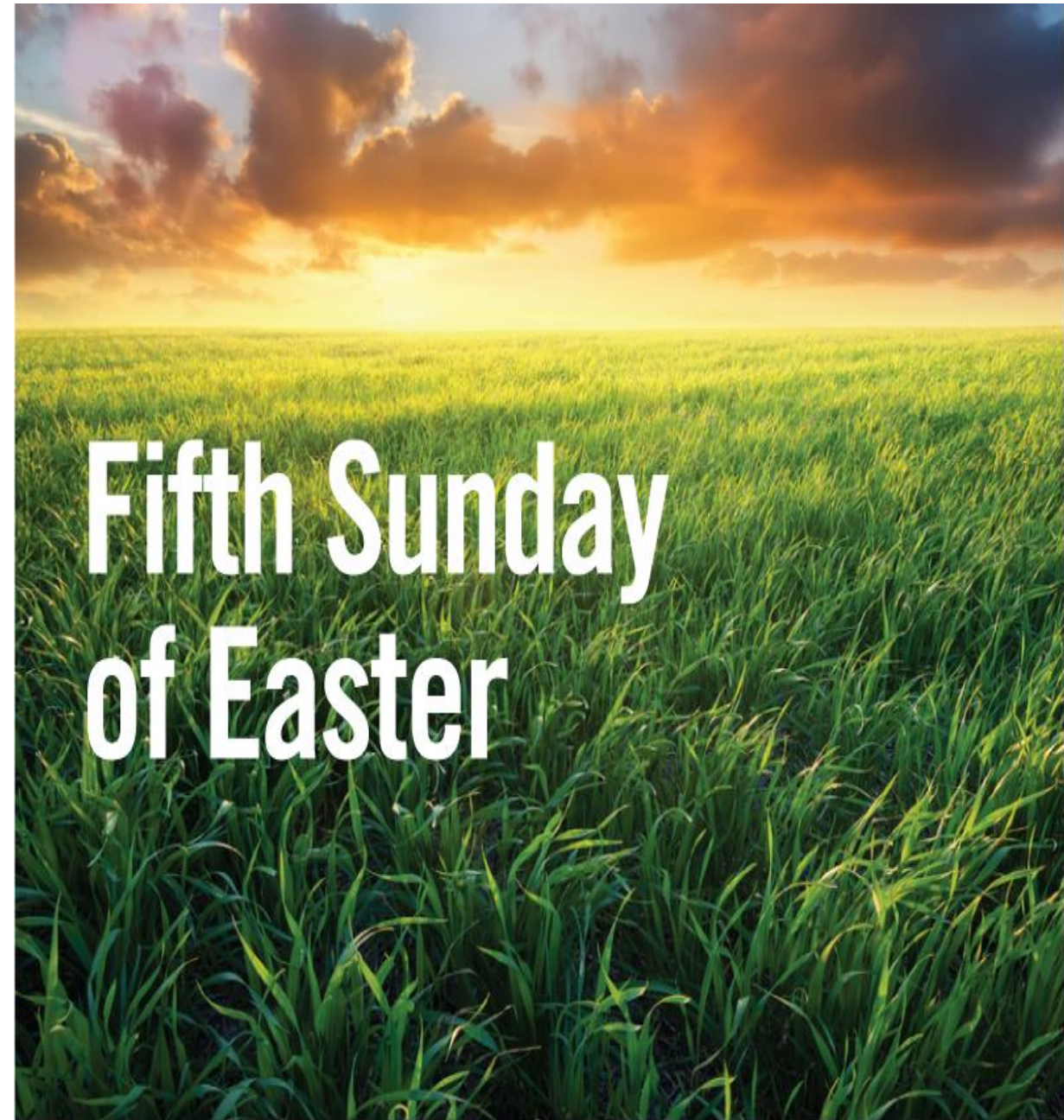
GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God and 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 the 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).

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 the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. 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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