

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

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

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

*Opening Song (Stand) # 61 "Great Is the Lord" GREAT IS THE LORD

Call to Worship*

I looked and heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the hosts of heaven singing,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

Then I heard every creature in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and in the seas, singing,

"To the One seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said,
"Amen!"

And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Let us worship God.

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Song of Faith "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" Worship Team

Opening Prayer (Stand) Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Alleluia # 295 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Janice Kirby

The First Reading Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

The Second Reading Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) John 21:1-19

*Responsorial (Stand) # 343 "Word of God Speaks" WORD OF GOD SPEAK

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

The Children's Sermon (Children's Church for Students Preschool–3rd Grade)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community

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

Offertory Special Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

A Prayer of Illumination & The Message "God's Unstoppable Kingdom"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to Holy Communion / The Table of the Lord[†] (Servers Prepare)

Communion Song # 559 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"
MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST

Words of Institution and 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*

Agape Fellowship Offering for Persons and Neighbors in Need

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

*Closing Hymn (Stand) # "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Spoken Benediction & Postlude

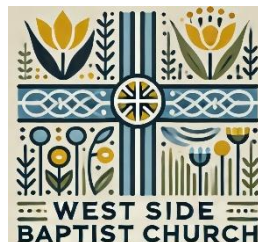
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

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) that 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 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, 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 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.

OUR MISSION – We love God and We love People by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



***But the Lord said
to Ananias, "Go!"***

*This man is my chosen instrument
to proclaim my name to the Gentiles
and their kings and to the
people of Israel."*

Acts 9:15, NIV



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