

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MOTHER'S DAY  
MAY 11, 2025**

**WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

**Prelude** Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

**Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name**

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

**\*Opening Song (Stand) # 63 "Awesome God"** *AWESOME GOOD*

**Song of Faith #450 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"** *PRECIOUS LORD*

**Opening Prayer (Stand)** Reverend Doctor Cheryl Henson

**Alleluia # "Light of the World"** Worship Team

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD**

Scripture Reader: Janice Kirby

**The First Reading** Acts 9:36-43

**The Second Reading** Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

**\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** John 10:22-30

**\*Responsorial (Stand) #161 "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"**  
*BRADBURY*

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

**The Children's Sermon** (Children's Church for Students Preschool–3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

**Announcements, The Prayers of the People, 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.

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

**Offertory Prayer and Special** Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

**A Prayer of Illumination & The Message**

1 Peter 2:4-10 "A Lord Built House"

The Reverend Doctor Cheryl Henson, ABCUSA (Retired)

**WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE**

**\*Closing Hymn (Stand) # 392 "Marching to Zion"** *MARCHING TO ZION*

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**Postlude** Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

## 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.



*A mother  
who loves her God and lives her faith  
is a blessing to her children.*

*All thy children shall be taught of the LORD;  
and great shall be the peace of thy children.*

ISAIAH 54:13



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