

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 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 (Stand) #56 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

Words of the Psalter: Psalm 67 – "Make Your Face Shine Upon Us"

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

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Song of Faith # "O Praise the Name" Worship Team

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

Alleluia "Alleluia Sing to Jesus"

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Janice Kirby

The First Reading Acts 16:9-15

The Second Reading Revelation 21:10; 21:22 – 22:5

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) John 14:23-29 or 5:1-9

*Responsorial (Stand) # 447 "It is Well with my Soul" VILLE DU HAVRE

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

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

Announcements, 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 – "Offer to God a
sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the
Most High" (Psalm 50:14).** Worshippers are invited to give their
tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord.



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**Offertory Prayer and 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 RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

*Closing Hymn (Stand) # 536 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*Spoken Benediction

Postlude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

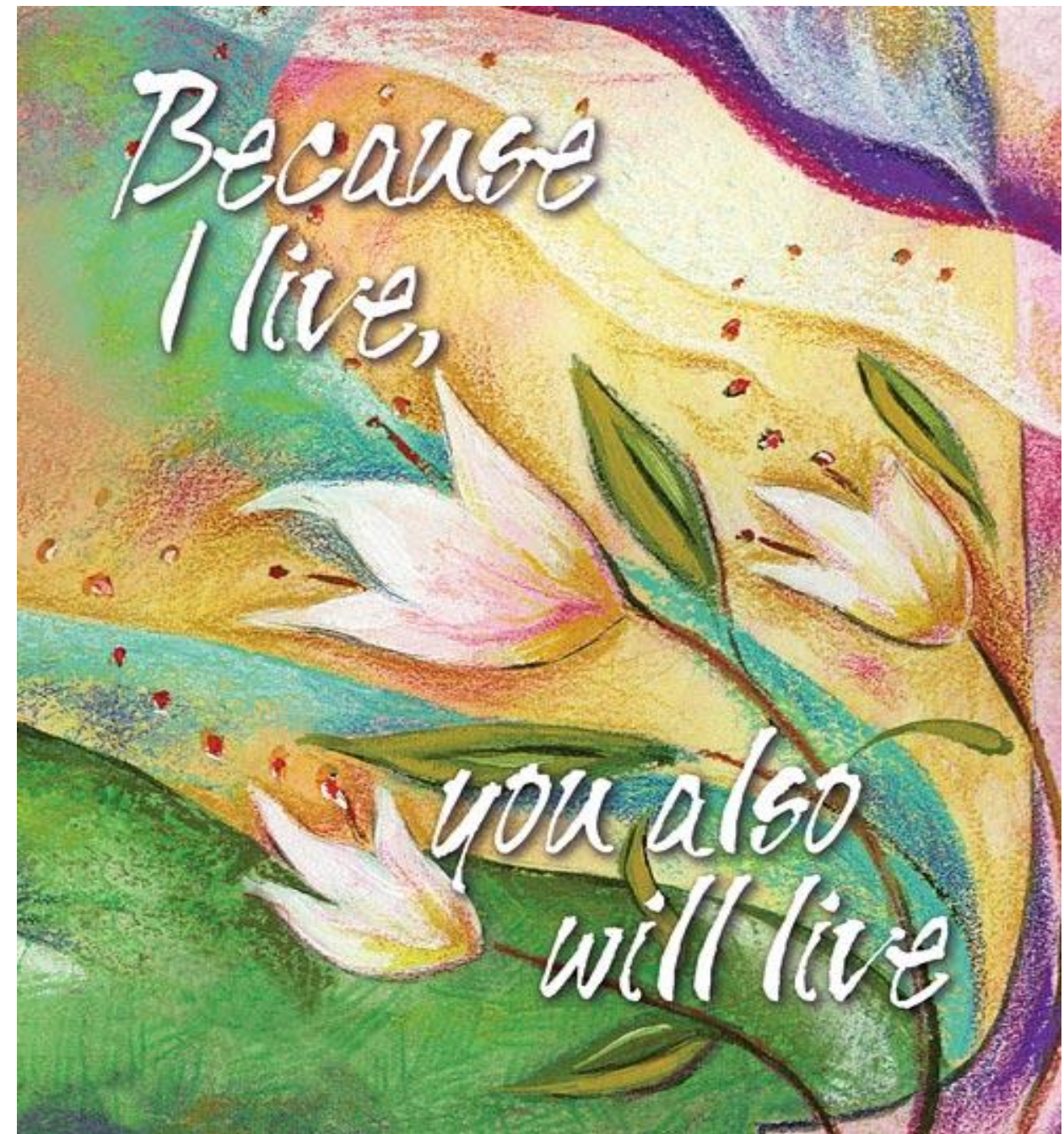
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

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.



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