

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: MAY 10, 2026

MOTHERS DAY

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name

Recognition of All Women of Faith on Mother's Day

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

*Opening Song (Stand) # 172 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER

*Opening Prayer (Stand): Living and gracious God, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have brought us out of bondage to a spacious place where we are called to live as those free and redeemed. Empower us by your Spirit to keep your commandments, that we may show forth your love with gentle word and reverent deed to all people in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Song of Faith # 594 "Faith of Our Mothers" (Tune: Faith of our Fathers)

Confession & Assurance of Pardon±: Blessed be God, for he has not rejected our prayer or removed his steadfast love from us. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of our prayer, and given assurance to all by raising from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Because I live, you also will live." Therefore, do not be afraid. Know that, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and be at peace.

Alleluia # 57 "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" SOLI DEO GLORIA

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Mary Woodall

The First Reading Acts 17:22-31

The Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel Reader: Deacon Janelle Hood

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) John 14:15-21

*Responsorial (Stand) # 555 "I Love You, Lord" I LOVE YOU, LORD

*Greeting our Family and Neighbors (Stand)

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

Announcements, 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 – Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). Let us give our offerings and oblations to the Lord joyfully.

Offertory

*The Doxology #668 "Doxology" OLD HUNDREDTH

A Prayer of Illumination & Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND 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.

*Hymn (Stand) # 654 "A Christian Home" FINLANDIA

*Spoken Benediction

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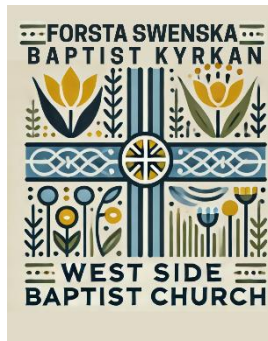
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

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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