

May 4, 2025  
Third Sunday of Easter

**PRELUDE** "All Glory Be to God on High" Decius

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

O Lord our God, we praise you. Ps. 30  
**We cried to you for help and you answered us.**  
You have restored our lives;  
**you have rescued us from the grave.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

+ **HYMN: GTG #265** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**HYMN: GTG #720** "Jesus Calls Us" GALILEE

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... O Lord our God, Ps. 30:2  
**we cry to you for help.**

*Younger children are dismissed to Sunday School*

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE** 1 Cor. 5:7-8; Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts!  
**We lift them to the Lord!**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...

+ Those who are able may stand. 1 GTG = Glory to God (purple hymnal)

... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**  
...

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** 1 Cor. 11:23-26

**COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at the table of the Lord.  
A gluten-free option is available  
on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.*

*Partake of the bread when it comes to you,  
mindful of your communion with Christ.  
Hold the cup and we will all drink together,  
mindful of our communion with one another.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Here at this table we celebrate resurrection as you feed us with bread and wine. As much as we might prefer to stay here in this protected place, you send us back to our work—only it is no longer the same work because we know you are with us and in us, shaping and transforming us to be your witnesses in the world. Nourished in body, mind, and spirit, may all that we say and do give you glory. Amen.

*Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Prelude No. 8" J. S. Bach

+ **RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH  
*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of 1967* (United States)  
**16. God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Acts 9:1-20 N.T. page 97  
*Paul's conversion, baptism, and preaching*

**PSALM** Psalm 30 O.T. page 390  
*You restored me to health*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Revelation 5:11-14 N.T. page 196  
*The song of the living creatures to the Lamb*

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 21:1-19 N.T. page 88  
*Jesus appears to the disciples*

**RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE** 1 Cor. 15:1-2

This is the good news we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "Come, People of the Risen King" Getty / Townend  
arr. McDonald

**SERMON** "Chillin' with Jesus at the Beach" Rev. Bill Pinches

+ **HYMN: GTG #826** "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

+ **CHARGE**  
Jesus said: Feed my lambs; tend my sheep; follow me. John 21:15-17  
**Amen.**

+ **BLESSING**  
To the one who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb Rev. 5:13  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!  
**Alleluia!**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "God So Loved" McDonald

**POSTLUDE** "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Daub

**You are invited to join us  
for fellowship and refreshments  
after worship in the Memorial Room.**  
*It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

**SERVING US TODAY**

**Liturgist:** Gin Gibson

**Greeters:** Steve and Tammy Sowles

**Next Week's Greeters:** Abel and Evelyn Tayong

**Sound:** Marty Subject

**Livestream:** Tami Chapman

**Security:** Dan Baker

**Today's flowers are given by**

Loren and Jay Harkness

in memory of

Roger Harkness

**CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE**

**#29: Decision:**

Judas, Silas, Barnabas, and Paul go to Antioch to deliver the news: people who want to be Christian do not have to follow Jewish practices or laws. (*Acts 15:30-35*) (c. AD 49)

**THE STUDY CATECHISM**

**Question 56. What do you mean when you speak of “the Word of God”?**

“Jesus Christ as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture is the one Word of God whom we have to hear, and whom we have to trust and obey in life and in death” (*Barmen Declaration*, Article I).

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Today** Adult Sunday School (Brené Brown) 11:30 am  
**Monday** Mission Committee 4:00 pm  
**Wednesday** Lunch Packing for Advent House 10:15 am  
Prayer Fellowship 12:00 pm  
Wonderful Wednesday (K-12) 4:00—6:00 pm  
Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00 pm  
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm  
Choir Rehearsal 7:10 pm  
**Wed.—Thu.** Pie sale  
**Thursday** Finance Committee 8:00 am  
Spiritual Growth Committee 6:00 pm  
**Friday** Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

May 6: Mary Ozee May 6: Camille Subject  
May 9: Lyle Brockman

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“Come and have breakfast.”  
(John 21:12)