

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

9:00 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.*

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

## Our Approach to God

Prelude Heut Triumphieret Gottes Sohn BWV 630 Bach  
(Today the Son of God Triumphs)

The Call to Worship

Let us gather in God's truth and love.

**Life itself is found only in the way of the Lord.**

Jesus came that we might know God's way and have life.

**Then let us give praise and lift our voices for all to hear.**

Let us worship God.

\*The Hymn of Praise Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 416

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Lord so often we struggle with life, refusing to hear your word to us. So often we look at the scriptures but do not see the love you came to show us in Jesus. So often we try to earn our place in your presence instead of accepting your loving grace. Forgive us Lord, and help us to share your love with the world.** (Silent confession)

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Come to Christ, the living stone, chosen and precious in God's sight.

**We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.**

Once you were no people but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*The Gloria Patri 579  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.**

The Anthem Danza Wesley  
JuBELLation Choir

## The Word of God

The New Testament Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10 page 1728

The Gospel Reading John 14:1-14 page 1535

The Sermon Rev. Michael Hahn

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith

**We are called not to be fearful, we are called to love; we are not called to be perfect, we are called to be faithful; we are not called to be fearless, we are called to be obedient; we are not called to be all knowing, we are called to believe; we are not called to claim, we are called to give; we are not called to be victorious, we are called to be courageous, we are not called to lord it over others, we are called to serve others. For it is in serving that we shall reign: it is through courage that we shall find victory; it is in giving all that we shall gain all; it is in believing that we shall find certainty; it is in obedience that we shall overcome; it is in loving that we shall dispel fear; it is in faithfulness that we shall find perfection; it is in slavery to Christ and his justice, that we shall find freedom, now and forever, for ourselves and for the world.**

(From a speech by Dr. Alan Boesak, World Alliance of Reformed Churches)

\*The Hymn O Christ, the Great Foundation 443

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory                      Lead me, Lord                      Wesley  
Chancel Choir

\*The Doxology  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn                      Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!                      145

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response      *Go with Us, Lord*                      535  
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

Postlude                      Christ Lag in Todesbanden BWV 625                      Bach  
*(Christ lay in death's bands)*

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**Liturgist:** JoAnn Hunt  
**Greeter:** Cheryl Kelley  
**Ushers:** Patty Donahue and Randy Wierda  
**Fellowship Hour:**

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1 Peter 2:9

*Seeking and Serving Christ, We are a Place for Growing Christians.*

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

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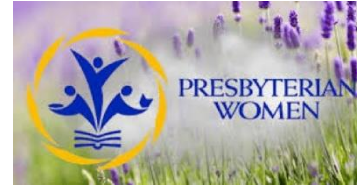
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