

Good Shepherd Community Church
Proclaiming the God of Grace.
5th Sunday Resurrection of Messiah Jesus



April 28, 2024

Acclamation

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Greeting –

Shalom! Peace be with you!

Call to Worship

Give thanks to Yahweh for *he is* good,
for his loyal love *is* forever.

² Let Israel say,

“His loyal love is forever.”

**Yah is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.**

The stone the builders rejected
has become *the* chief cornerstone.

²³ ***This is from Yahweh;***

it is wonderful in our eyes.

²⁴ *This is* the day Yahweh has worked;

let us rejoice and be glad in him. From Psalm 118:1-2,14, 22-24

Hymn – Lord with Glowing Heart

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise thee
for the bliss your love bestows,
for the pard'ning grace that saves me,
and the peace that from it flows.
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;
this dull soul to rapture raise;
You must light the flame, or never
can my love be warmed to praise.

² Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,
wretched wand'rer far astray;
found you you lost, and kindly brought thee
from the paths of death away.
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,
him who saw your guilt-born fear,

and, the light of hope revealing,
bade the blood-stained cross appear.

3 Praise your Savior God that drew thee
to that cross, new life to give,
held a blood sealed pardon to thee,
bade you look to him and live.
Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee,
roused you from your fatal ease;
praise the grace whose promise warmed thee,
praise the grace that whispered peace.

4 Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling
vainly would my lips express:
low before your footstool kneeling,
deign your suppliant's pray'r to bless.
Let your love, my soul's chief treasure,
love's pure flame within me raise;
and, since words can never measure,
let my life show forth your praise.

Author- Francis Scott Keys Tune- Ripley

Invocation - Pastor Jeff Gregory

Hymn – The King in All His Beauty

O lift your eyes to heaven, see
The Holy One eternal
Behold the Lord of majesty
Exalted in His temple
As symphonies of angels praise
Now strain to sound His glory
Come worship, fall before His grace
The King in all His beauty

Chorus

*How worthy, how worthy, how worthy
The King in all His beauty*

Verse 2

Now see the King who wears a crown
One made of shame and splinters
The sacrifice for ruined man
The substitute for sinners
As earth is stained with royal blood
And quakes with love and fury
He breathes His last and bows His head
The King in all His beauty

Verse 3

Now see the Savior lifted up
The Lamb who reigns in splendor
The hope of every tribe and tongue
His kingdom is forever!
Bring praise and honor to His courts
Bring wisdom, power, blessing
For endless ages we'll adore
The King in all His beauty

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Declaration of God's Love for Us

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved. See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For in this way God loved the world, so that he gave his one and only Son, in order that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but will have eternal life. Ephesians 2:4-5. 1 John 3:1; Romans 5:8; John 3:16

The Greatest Commandment

You shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength.'

We love because he first loved us.

Call to Confession

Let us acknowledge our failures in love and confess our transgressions and claim the promise: he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord,

by the witnesses we have seen the empty tomb,
and yet we sometimes act as if we have seen nothing.

Although we have been joined with Christ Jesus in his death, burial, and resurrection,
and have his power and presence, we do not always walk in this reality.

At times we give way to transgressions with the resulting guilt and fear.

We forget the glorious, good news. Forgive us when we are quick to forget the Good News.

Remind us by your Spirit and Word that we are ***a people of resurrection.***

Fill our hearts with your love that we might love you as we should and turn from sin and be renewed. Eliminate from us the fear of sin that we might tell this glad story - that Christ is risen, he is risen, indeed! This we pray in the name of your Name Risen Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Since Jesus is the first fruits from the dead,
even the obstacle of death has been removed between us and God.

***If death no longer stands in our way,
we can be sure that our sin does not either.***

Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear the good news of the Gospel: the tomb is empty! Our Lord and Savior has risen from the grave! That which has been dead is alive!

²³ But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his (Abraham’s) sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 4:23-25; Romans 5:1

On this basis I announce to you this day that through faith in his name our sins are forgiven! You have peace with God! **Alleluia! Amen!**

Profession of Our Faith

This is the good news that we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

—based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7; Colossians 1:15-20

Hymn- 736P Now, O My Soul, Forget No More

Now, O my soul, forget no more
the friend who all your misery bore;
let every idol be forgot,
but, O my soul, forget him not.

2. Jesus for you a body takes,
your guilt he bears, your fetters breaks,
discharging all your dreadful debt;
and can you now such love forget?

3. Renounce your works and ways with grief,
and run to this most sure relief;
forget not him who left his throne,
and for your life laid down his own.

4. Infinite truth and mercy shine
in him, whose word is, ‘You are mine’:
and can you, then, with sin beset,
such grace, such matchless grace, forget?

5. Ah! no; till life itself depart
his name will cheer and warm my heart;

and singing this, from earth I'll rise
to join the chorus of the skies.

6. And when at last all things expire
and perish in the general fire,
this name all others shall survive,
and through eternity shall live.

Author: Krishna Pal 1764–1822; tr. by Joshua Marshman
LM Tune-Lord As I Wake

Scripture Readings

But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31

Prayer For Illumination

Almighty, gracious Father, for as much as our whole salvation depends upon our true understanding of your holy Word, grant to all of us that our hearts, being freed from worldly affairs, may hear and apprehend your holy Word with all diligence and faith, that we may rightly understand your gracious will, cherish it, and live by it with all earnestness, to your praise and honor, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Testament- Psalm 30

A Psalm of David. A song at the dedication of the temple.

30 I will extol you, O YAHWEH, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O YAHWEH my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

³O YAHWEH, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

⁴Sing praises to YAHWEH, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”

⁷By your favor, O YAHWEH,
you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

⁸To you, O YAHWEH, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

⁹“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰ Hear, O YAHWEH, and be merciful to me!

O YAHWEH, be my helper!”

¹¹ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

you have loosed my sackcloth

and clothed me with gladness,

¹² that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

O YAHWEH my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

New Testament- John 18:7-27

⁵ Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” ¹⁸ Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹ The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” ²² When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” ²³ Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” ²⁴ Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” ²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” ²⁷ Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

New Testament- Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5

³⁴ saying, “*The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!*”

⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

New Testament- 1 Peter 1:13-25

“¹³ Therefore, with your minds ready for action, be serious and set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. ¹⁵ But as the One who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; ¹⁶ for it is” “written, Be holy, because I am holy.

¹⁷ And if you address as Father the One who judges impartially based on each one's work, you are to conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your temporary residence. ¹⁸ For you know that you were •redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from the fathers, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was chosen before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the times for you ²¹ who through

Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² By obedience to the truth, having purified yourselves for sincere love of the brothers, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again — not of perishable seed but of imperishable — through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For

All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like a flower of the grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever.

And this is the word that was preached as the gospel to you.”

Excerpt From HCSB Holman Christian Standard Bible

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

Hymn- 429P **It Is a Thing Most Wonderful**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. 1 John 3:1

It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heaven
and die to save a child like me.

2. And yet I know that it is true;
he came to this poor world below,
and wept and toiled, and mourned and died,
only because he loved us so.

3. I cannot tell how he could love
a child so weak and full of sin;
his love must be most wonderful
if he could die my love to win.

4. I sometimes think about the cross
and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails, and crown of thorns,
and Jesus crucified for me.

5. But, even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
of that great love which, like a fire,
is always burning in his heart.

6. How wonderful it is to see
my love for him so faint and poor,
but yet more wonderful to know
his love for me so free and sure.

7. And yet I want to love you, Lord;
O light that living flame in me,
that I may love you more and more
until in heaven your face I see.

Author- William H How

Tune: Brookfield=Gideon LM

Prayers and Offering Dedication

²³In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

To pray in Jesus' name is to acknowledge that our access to God in prayer comes only through Jesus.

Thanksgivings, Petitions

Prayers of the People

Acknowledgement of offerings with Prayer

And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Eph 5:2

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Our Savior and Redeemer, we come to you with hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings you give us each day. We acknowledge that cheerful giving is not an obligation but a joyful act of worship. Help us understand that our giving is an expression of our deep love for you and our want to further your kingdom here on earth.

Song- My Jesus, I Love You, I Know You Are Mine

My Jesus, I love you, I know you are mine;
for you all the pleasures of sin I resign:
to you, my Redeemer and Savior, I bow-
if ever I loved you, my Jesus, it is now.

2. My Jesus, I love you, for you first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love you for wearing the thorns on your brow-
if ever I loved you, my Jesus, it is now.

3. I'll love you in life, I will love you in death,
and praise you as long as you lend me my breath,
and say, with death's hand lying cold on my brow-
if ever I loved you, my Jesus, it is now.'

4. Through visions of glory and endless delight,
in heaven adoring, I'll live in your light;
I'll sing to your praise and with joy I'll avow-
if ever I loved you, my Jesus, it is now.'

The Proclamation of the Word

Sermon Text- John 21:15- 27

Wayne Conrad

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love (*agapao*) me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love (*phileo*) you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" ²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" ²² Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" ²³ So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

²⁴ This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

We Listen to the Word Expounded

Sermon- "The Great Reset" by Wayne Conrad
Jesus to Peter, "Do You Love Me?"

Hymn of Response- Beyond All Knowledge Is Your Love Divine

Beyond all knowledge is your love divine,
my Savior, Jesus! Yet this soul of mine
would of your love, in all its breadth and length,
its height and depth, its everlasting strength,
know more and more.

2. Beyond all telling is your love divine,
my Savior, Jesus! Yet this voice of mine
would gladly share with sinners far and near

your love which can remove all guilty fear
and give love birth.

3. Beyond all praising is your love divine,
my Savior, Jesus! Yet this heart of mine
would sing your love, so full, so rich, so free,
which brings a rebel sinner, such as me,
near to my God.

4. O fill me, Savior, Jesus, with your love!
Renew me with your Spirit from above;
to you in simple faith let me draw near
to know, to tell, to sing your love so dear,
my Lord and King.

5. And when my Jesus face to face I see-
when at his lofty throne I bow the knee-
then of his love in all its breadth and length,
its height and depth, its everlasting strength,
my soul shall sing!

#727P Author- Mary Shekleton

Tune: It Passes Knowledge 10 10 10 10 4

Service of Holy Communion

M: Jesus our Lord is risen from the dead.

P: He is seated at the Father's right hand!

M: He has poured out his Spirit upon us his people.

P: Let us draw near to him at His Holy Table.

All: All glory to Christ, who died, who rose, and who is with us by his Spirit.

We read in Luke 24:30-31 that when the risen Jesus “...*was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.*”

Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, even as you came to your disciples and broke bread for them so that they recognized your presence, may we also draw near to you today through this communion service. May yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread and drinking of the cup.

Christ Establishes the First Lord's Supper

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Matt. 26:26-28

Prayer of Humble Access

As we come to the risen Lord through this holy communion service, let us pray:

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,

***but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*** (Book of Common Prayer)

As the Lord Jesus broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, so do I do the same.

(the minister breaks and distributes the bread)

In remembrance of Christ's great sacrifice on our behalf, take the bread and eat it, and feed on Christ by faith in your hearts, and be thankful. Lord, we are so thankful!

Communion Hymn- When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count as loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ my God;
the very things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
when did such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. His lifeblood, like a crimson robe,
clothes all his body on the tree:
then I am dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me!

5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all!

Author- Isaac Watts LM Hamburg or Rockingham

After his disciples had consumed the bread, our Lord took the cup of wine, gave thanks for it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, ***“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as your drink it, in remembrance of me”*** (1 Cor. 11:25).

Minister: So take and drink, knowing that you are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes.

People: ***We proclaim his death for our sakes, his resurrection for our justification, and his coming again as our joyous consummation.***

After Supper Thanks

We thank you, Father, for this most precious sign of our redemption, accomplished in full by our Savior and Mediator Christ Jesus on the cross. We rejoice in his living presence among us and in us by the Holy Spirit. We thank you for feeding us on the true and Living Bread from heaven. Amen.

Hymn- Benediction - May the Peace

May the peace of God our heavenly Father
And the grace of Christ the risen Son
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep your hearts and minds within His love.

Refrain

*And to Him be praise for His glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain –
Christ eternal the King of Kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding
And this grace which makes us what we are
And this fellowship of His communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

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Benediction-

Pastor

*May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.***
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you. **Amen.***

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