

ORDER OF WORSHIP

5th Sunday of Easter
Older Adult Week begins; Legacy Giving Sunday

May 3, 2026

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **The Lord is my refuge and strength.**

People: **A very present help in trouble.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Let us greet God with joy as we greet the first light of day. Be for us a constant companion in all we do. We worship You with awe and reverence as we join with people in every land in celebrating Your love. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 4 "*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*" GROSSER GOFT, WIR LOBEN DICH

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious Father, we are aware of Your many gifts to us. You provide for our needs, yet we want more. We spend our lives in pursuit of goods, but fail to pursue spiritual wealth. We want power and fame, but do not spread the news of the gospel. Forgive us as we think about our own comforts and forget to share Your word with the world. Help us to focus on Your work in our world. (Say – "**Please pray silently,**" and after about 20 seconds, say, **Amen**) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

You may be seated

A TIME FOR YOUTH It is now time for youth, so would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Be with us as we listen for Your word to us in scripture, music and prayer. Make Your will clear to us so we may follow where You lead. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **In You, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me;**

People: **incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

Leader: **You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake lead me and guide me; take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for You are my refuge.**

People: **Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

Leader: **My times are in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

People: **Let Your face shine upon Your servant; save my in Your steadfast love.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Our New Testament Lesson comes from Acts 7:55-60, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 126 of the New Testament

Acts 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: *"You Are Welcome Here"* arr. Marty Parks

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from John 14:1-14 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 108-109 of the New Testament

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 463 "*How Firm a Foundation*" (vs. 1-3) FOUNDATION

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 “*Glory Be to the Father*” GLORIA PATRI
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.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”
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.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Thank You for Your gifts of food, shelter, clean water to drink, and education. Thank You for Your love that saves us through grace. Be with us as we go from worship into the world to show Your love to all. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing our last hymn:

***HYMN** No. 462 “*I Love to Tell the Story*” HANKEY

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 80 *"You Shall Go Out with Joy"* THE TREES OF THE FIELD

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their
hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY – 10:30 AM Tuesday morning group -

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY –

09:45 AM Choir Practice

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Cecil Nash has been suffering with possible allergies

Pat Nash has bronchitis

Nina had surgery on 4 hernias, please pray for a speedy recovery

Jessica Zinn is very sad because her beloved cat died

Bryan Booth has been diagnosed with Addison's disease

Pat Nash has bronchitis

Alice Ann is having hip replacement surgery

CELEBRATIONS

Lori is celebrating how blessed she is. Her car was making knocking noises and Bill diagnosed and fixed it, then her computer wouldn't turn on, and Gene was able to transfer the data into her other computer