



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
May 2, 2021



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WORSHIP SERVICE

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Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship (Psalm 113:1-8)

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, you his servants; praise the name of the Lord.

Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.
From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.

Hallelujah! The Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ, is our enthroned prince who lifts us up and crowns us with compassion. Let us sing his praise together!

Praise

Songs of Praise

“Forever” (#578 vs. 1-3)

“Lord Most High” (#593)

“My Soul Finds Rest” (#370 vs. 1-3)

God's Greeting

Renewal

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-12)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;

wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. In the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

Song of Response: “God, Be Merciful to Me” (#622 vs. 1-4)

Assurance of Pardon (John 20:19-23)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Response of Gratitude: “Behold the Lamb” (#840 vs. 1-3)

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

Reminder of Opportunity for Tithes and Offerings
(Designated Offering: General Fund)

PROCLAMATION

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-5 & Colossians 1:3-14

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Living a Worthy Life

Reflection Song: “Is He Worthy?” (by Andrew Peterson)

COMMUNION

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy” (#538 vs. 1)

Institution

Creed and Lord’s Prayer

Invitation & Administration

Response of Praise:

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Ten Thousand Reasons)” (#559 vs. 1-3)

SENDING

Benediction

Doxology: “Behold the Lamb” (#840 vs. 4)

Postlude

Participants:

Minister: Rev. Mark Hofman

Pianist: Carrie Dole

Vocals: Melinda Postma
