



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 28, 2024 – 11:00 AM**

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### **Receiving Holy Communion**

*Holy Communion is a Christian Sacrament – a Holy Rite where we receive God’s divine grace and presence – practiced to respond to God’s invitation to believe and trust in him. All those who would like to receive this Sacrament, or a blessing, are encouraged to approach the altar at the usher’s instructions with faith, humility, and reverence. Please follow the usher’s instructions to the altar rail. Those receiving communion should hold out their hand as the ministers come by with the bread and wine. Those receiving a blessing should fold their hands under the railing. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the round container on the bread plate and should be taken by those who require them. For those who prefer **grape juice** rather than wine: the center ring of glasses on the communion tray is white grape juice.*

***For those who are not able to come to the railing, or who are not yet comfortable with coming to the railing, simply remain in your pew, and a communion assistant will come to you with the tray of elements for you to take while in your seat.***



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*Please stand if you are able.*

## "Awake My Love"

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I've been walking through this life  
Feeling empty on the inside  
Just when I thought my hope had died  
You were there to bring me back to life

*Chorus: You, You awake my love  
You renew my strength, You restore my heart  
You, You invite me in  
You begin my song, You awake my love*

I was a cold and heavy heart  
I was desperate for a new start  
That's when Your love came rushing in  
And I am never going back again  
*Chorus 2X*

Every burden, lifted  
Every sorrow, You washed away  
You're turning ashes to glory  
And fill my life with singing  
*Chorus*

*Chorus 2: Oh You, You awake my love  
You renew my strength  
You restore my heart  
Jesus You, You invite me in  
You begin my song  
You awake my love  
You awake my love  
Oh, You awake my love*

## Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Risen Christ, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

*We observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ who overcame the grave, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

*(Ephesians 2:4-6)*

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: The peace of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you!**

*Share the peace of the Lord with one another.*

*You are welcome to remain standing or be seated during the praise songs.*

### **“From the Day”**

CCLI Song # 7023274 | Adam Palmer | Jonathan Lindley Smith | Matthew Hein | Stephanie Kulla

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When You found me, I was so blind  
My sin was before me, I was swallowed by pride  
But out of the darkness, You brought me to Your light  
You showed me new mercy and opened up my eyes

*Chorus: From the day You saved my soul  
'Til the very moment when I come home  
I'll sing, I'll dance, my heart will overflow  
From the day You saved my soul*

Where brilliant light, is all around  
And endless joy, is the only sound  
Oh, rest my heart, forever now  
Oh, in Your arms, I'll always be found

*Chorus*

*Bridge: My love is Yours, My heart is Yours  
My life is Yours. Forever  
(repeat)  
Chorus 2x*

### **"Endless Hallelujah"**

CCLI Song # 6016557 | Chris Tomlin | Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman | Tim Wanstall  
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When I stand before Your throne dressed in glory not my own  
What a joy I'll sing of on that day, no more tears or broken dreams  
Forgotten is the minor key, everything as it was meant to be

*Chorus: And we will worship, worship forever in Your presence we will sing  
We will worship, worship You, an endless hallelujah to the King*

I will see You as You are, love You with unsinning heart  
And see how much You paid to bring me home  
Not till then, Lord, shall I know, not till then, how much I owe  
Everything I am before Your throne  
*Chorus*

No more tears, no more shame, no more sin and sorrow ever known again  
No more fears, no more pain, we will see You face to face  
See You face to face

*Chorus*

Prayer

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 10:12-22 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

<sup>14</sup> To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. <sup>15</sup> Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. <sup>16</sup> Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. <sup>17</sup> For the LORD your God is

God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. <sup>18</sup> He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. <sup>20</sup> Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. <sup>21</sup> He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. <sup>22</sup> Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

**Second Reading:** Romans 12:1-12 (*NIV*)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:31-46 (*NIV*)

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

<sup>37</sup>“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’ <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

<sup>40</sup>“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

<sup>44</sup>“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

<sup>45</sup>“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

<sup>46</sup>“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

*Children’s Church is available for children ages 4 years old through 3rd grade.*

**Sermon: “Called to Serve and Love”**

**Amanda Daniels**

Offering

Pastor: As we give, or recall what we have already given, help us to remember we do not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Words of grace, words of truth, words of life. Bless us and these our gifts through Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Tithes and offerings may be given in the wood offering box located just outside the sanctuary doors in the narthex, or via the online giving portal found on the website and RLC smartphone app.*

Musical Offering: “Pure Light” *ccli* #4328735

*Please stand as you are able.*

Profession of Faith - The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: God has said, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven...now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place." We now pray for God's people and all others according to their need. (*2 Chronicles 7:14-15*)

*The minister will conclude each prayer, "Lord, in your mercy," Congregation will respond: "Hear our prayer."*

Minister: We close our prayer together praying as our Lord Jesus taught us...

**Congregation: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

Communion Thanksgiving

*Invitation to Communion*

Pastor: You are invited to come to this table to receive Christ Jesus; a table not for the righteous, but for those who are poor in spirit.

You are invited not because you have earned a place here, but because you need



God's mercy and grace.

You are invited, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because Jesus first loved you, and gave himself for you.

Come, because it is Christ who invites you to receive and be spiritually fed.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. *(Luke 22:17-20)*

*Please be seated.*

Communion Song:

**“Highlands (Song of Ascent)”**

CCLI Song #7122399 | Benjamin Hastings, Joel Houston

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Verse 1: O how high would I climb mountains  
If the mountains were where You hide  
O how far I'd scale the valleys  
If You graced the other side

Verse 2: O how long have I chased rivers  
From lowly seas to where they rise  
Against the rush of grace descending  
From the source of its supply

*Pre-Chorus 1: 'Cause in the highlands and the heartache  
You're neither more or less inclined  
I would search and stop at nothing  
You're just not that hard to find*

*Chorus: Oh (So) I will praise You on the mountain  
(And) I will praise You  
When the mountain's in my way  
You're the summit where my feet are  
So I will praise You in the valleys all the same  
No less God within the shadows  
No less faithful when the night leads me astray*

*('Cause) You're the heaven where my heart is  
In the highlands and the heartache all the same*

Verse 3: O how far beneath Your glory  
Does Your kindness extend the path  
From where Your feet rest on the sunrise  
To where You sweep the sinner's past

Verse 4: And O how fast would You come running  
If just to shadow me through the night  
Trace my steps through all my failure  
And walk me out the other side

*Pre-Chorus 2:* For who could dare ascend that mountain  
That valleyed hill called Calvary  
But for the One I call Good Shepherd  
Who like a lamb was slain for me

*Chorus*

*Bridge:* Whatever I walk through  
Wherever I am  
Your Name can move mountains  
Wherever I stand  
And if ever I walk through  
The valley of death  
I'll sing through the shadows  
My song of ascent  
*(repeat bridge)*

*Pre-Chorus 3:* From the gravest of all valleys  
Come the pastures we call grace  
A mighty river flowing upwards  
From a deep but empty grave

*Chorus*

Post Communion Prayer

Announcements

*Please stand if you are able.*

Benediction

Minister: Pastor: May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. *(2 Peter 3:18)*

**Congregation: Amen**

## Closing Song

### “God Is For Us”

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We won't fear the battle  
We won't fear the night  
We will walk the Valley with You by our side  
You will go before us  
You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge only You can save

*Chorus: Sing with joy now our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

Even when I stumble  
Even when I fall  
Even when I turn back still Your love is sure  
You will not abandon  
You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

*Chorus x2*

*Bridge: Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave His Son to free us  
Holds me in His love*

### Sending

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

# Worship Assistants - Sunday, April 28, 2024 - 11:00 AM

Preacher:	Amanda Daniels
Liturgist:	Pastor Steve Ernst
Praise Team:	Paula Cox Shane Benjamson Kaysha Benjamson Darrel Glasford Lauri Whitney
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