

# *Praise Service*



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\* = Please rise if you are able

## \* *Thanksgiving for Baptism*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

## \* *Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## \* *Prayer of the Day*

P: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

## *We Are One In The Spirit*

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

### *Chorus*

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

### *Repeat chorus*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride

### *Repeat chorus*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one

### *Repeat chorus*

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## *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

### *Chorus*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods, the forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze...

## REPEAT CHORUS

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin...

## REPEAT CHORUS

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

## REPEAT CHORUS

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## \* *I Will Follow*

Where You go, I'll go, where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move, I will follow  
Ah, Ah, Ah

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight, high above my life  
I will trust in You alone, in You alone

### *Chorus*

Where You go, I'll go, where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move, I will follow You  
Who You love, I'll love, how You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You  
Yeah, I will follow You, yeah

Light unto the world, Light unto my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the one I seek, knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone, in You alone

### *Repeat Chorus*

### *Bridge*

In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy, unending joy and I will follow

## *REPEAT CHORUS 2X*

I will follow You, yeah, I will follow you, yeah

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## *Good News:*

## *John 13:31-35*

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As soon as Judas left the room, Jesus said, “The time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory, and God will be glorified because of him. And since God receives glory because of the Son, he will soon give glory to the Son. Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for me, but you can’t come where I am going. So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

Simon Peter asked, “Lord, where are you going?”

And Jesus replied, “You can’t go with me now, but you will follow me later.”

“But why can’t I come now, Lord?” he asked. “I’m ready to die for you.”

Jesus answered, “Die for me? I tell you the truth, Peter—before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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## *Sermon*

### *\* The Apostle’s Creed*

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### *\* Prayers of Intercession*

### *\* Sharing the Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

### *\* Offering Prayer*

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

### *\* The Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### *\* The Eucharistic Prayer*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it 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 for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

### *\* Lord's Prayer*

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

### *Communion*

## **\* *Post Communion Prayer***

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

## **\* *Benediction***

P: As you go on your way may Christ go with you.  
May he go before you to show you the way.  
May he go behind you to encourage you,  
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over you,  
Within you to give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

## **\* *Jesus Christ***

### ***Chorus***

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ.....  
Jesus Christ, You are my life.... Jesus Christ  
You made my life whole, deep inside my soul  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ

Used to love to sin, integrity was thin.  
My life was pretty dim, but you taught me how to win  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ.....  
You made my life whole, deep inside my soul  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ

Partied 'til I'd drop, thought I was on top;  
Was sowing the wrong crop 'til you showed me how to stop  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ.....  
You made my life whole, deep inside my soul  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ

### ***Repeat Chorus***

You've shown me what is great. So glad it's not too late;  
I left that sinful state 'cause you didn't hesitate  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ.....  
You made my life whole, deep inside my soul  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ

### ***Repeat Chorus***

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## \* *Dismissal*

P: The worship is over and the service begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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### **This Week's Service Assistants**

Greeters:	Marty Jordan, Eve Gehringer
Altar Guild:	Jen Christman
Welcome Center:	Nicole Greer

### **Next Week's Service Assistants**

Greeters:	Paul & Jen Christman
Lay Reader:	Brendan Greer
Altar Guild:	Eve Gehringer
Welcome Center:	Gwen Semmens, Donna Usavage

### **St. Luke's Calendar**

After today's service  
Tuesday, May 20  
Wednesday, May 21  
Saturday, May 24  
Sunday, May 25  
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Faith Formation, in the Fellowship Building  
Congregational Council meeting, 7:00 PM  
Bible Study, 9:30 AM in Gathering Room  
Diakonia, 9:00 AM-Noon  
Communion service, 9:00 AM  
Faith Formation, after worship



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