

5th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude *Largo* from *Symphony No. 9* Antonin Dvorak

Greeting and Announcements **Opening Sentences**

***Doxology** - all to sing No. 592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Praise**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come together as the church;

People: not a building of wood or stone, but a spiritual house.

Leader: We will be the living stones that shout praise even when others are silent.

People: God redeems us, joins us together, and builds us up.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** [“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”](#)

***Call to Confession**

Leader: Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us. But we still don't get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life.

A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, fellow siblings in the family of faith-filled followers, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Rejoice in the Lord! Alleluia! This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing “Gloria Patri” No. 579

*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.*

***We Share God's Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)

Special Music *Romance, Op. 44 No. 13* Anton Rubinstein

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading [Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16](#) (NRSV)

Hymn (seated) “Jesus Loves Me” No. 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children's Message

(Children grades K-8 may be dismissed to Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

[John 14:1-14](#) (NRSV)

Sermon

“Know the Way”

prepare a place

The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn [“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”](#)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Scherzo in Bb

Franz Schubert

(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)

*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

Lectionary readings for May 10, 2026

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21