

# St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
May 5, 2024



Pastor  
Director of Christian Education  
Director of Music/Organist  
Clerk of Session  
Church Office Administrator

Rev. Dr. Paul M. Burns  
Rev. Dr. Randall McGee  
Mr. Gary O'Neal  
Ms. Diane Llywelyn  
Ms. Darlene Wright

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We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude**

Variations on "Jesus Loves Me"  
(arr. McNair)

Gary O'Neal, Organist

(At this time, please silence your cell phone.)

**Welcome and \*Greeting One Another**

Pastor

\* **Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Liturgist

It is not difficult to be God's beloved child.

**We are called to obey God's commandments and live in God's love!**

The ways that God ordains are ways of peace and hope.

**The love of God shall conquer the world.**

Rejoice, O people of God, for God is near!

**Praise God for God's power and might, God's love and peace.**

\* **Hymn**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

No. 317

\* **Prayer of Adoration**

Liturgist

\* **Gloria Patri**

No. 581

**Call to Confession**

Pastor

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Pastor

Dear God, we come before you with humble hearts, acknowledging our shortcomings. We confess that we have been guilty of building walls instead of bridges. We have been quick to label people and to judge them based on our preconceived notions. We have forgotten that we are all children of God and that we are called to love one another as you have loved us. We know that you are always tearing down walls and building bridges. You are always expanding the circle of love and bringing people closer to you. You are always teaching us to love without conditions and to see the goodness in everyone. Help us to be more open to your Spirit and your people. Help us to let go of our preconceptions and to see people as you see them. Help us to remember that love is the most important thing and that if we love one another, we are living as you have commanded us. Guide us deeper into your ways of love, and help us to be a force for inclusion and acceptance in the world. May our thoughts and actions be centered in the heart of your love, and may we always be open to new ways of loving and serving you. Thank you for your grace and mercy and for the endless opportunities you give us to grow in love for one another and to love others as we love ourselves. Amen.

(In silence confess your personal sins to God.)

**Kyrie Eleison**

"Lord, Have Mercy"

No. 551

## **Assurance of God's Forgiving Grace**

Pastor and Congregation

(Responsive)

Remember this: when everything else fades away, love remains. Love is a constant presence that never leaves us. No matter what we do or where we go, love will always be with us and will always find us. God's love for us is boundless and limitless, and He will search for us until the ends of the earth. If we surrender ourselves to God's love, we will experience the fullness of hope, joy, and peace that comes from Christ Jesus. We are forgiven, loved, and restored. Amen.

**Praise be to God!**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Liturgist

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48 (p. 919 Pew Bible)  
This is the Word of the Lord!

Liturgist

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: John 15:9-17 (p. 902 Pew Bible)  
Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Pastor

**Response: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **Sermon**

"Love is the Law"

Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

## **Anthem**

"Guests at His Table"  
(arr. Lee Dengler)

Sanctuary Choir

## \* **Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

Pastor and Congregation  
– 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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 People and Lord's Prayer**

Pastor and Congregation

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

- \* **Communion Hymn** "Come to the Table of Grace" No. 507

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

*All who wish to receive communion are invited to come forward by way of the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, communion will be served where you are seated. You may select the prepackaged communion elements or partake by intinction – to dip a portion of the bread in the cup. Safety precautions were observed when preparing all communion elements.*

### Prayer After Communion (Responsive)

Pastor and Congregation

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and forget not all God's benefits.**

- \* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** Doxology No. 606

*A public offering to God is one of the oldest forms of worship. Although we give in varied ways through the week, our participation in the Sunday Offering is a witness to God and to the world of our love and commitment.*

*If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the offering plates located at the front and back of the Sanctuary after the worship service.*

- \* **Prayer of Dedication** Pastor

- \* **Hymn** "I Come with Joy" No. 515

- \* **Charge and Benediction** Pastor

- \* **Postlude** Gary O'Neal, Organist

- \* **Invitation to stand**



Assisting in worship today is Becky Page, Liturgist.



The usher is Charlene Taylor.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

Monday	6:00	Worship and Music Com. Mtg.
Tuesday	6:00	Fellowship Com. Mtg.
Wednesday	6:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:00	“Way Out Wednesday” Mtg.
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00	Zoom Yoga
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Property Com. Mtg.
	9:00 a.m.	Mini Workday

### SESSION MEMBERS

**Diane Llywelyn – Clerk**

#### Class of 2024

Kathleen Hale  
Susie Miller  
Lorraine Stephen

#### Class of 2025

Bill Grayson  
Daniel Robinson  
Leigh Taylor

#### Class of 2026

Diane Llywelyn  
Bill Oney  
Charlene Taylor