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# St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 3, 2026**



Pastor  
Director of Music/Organist  
Church Office Administrator

Rev. Dr. Paul M. Burns  
Mr. Gary O'Neal  
Cathy Schingle

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We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.



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pursue justice and follow our faith, filling us with hope and inviting us into the joys and challenges of discipleship and helping others. Meet us here, we pray, so your word may be fulfilled, and your Spirit may grant us courage. Amen.

\* **Gloria Patri**      “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”      No. 582

### **Time with Young Disciples**

#### **Call to Confession**

Pastor

#### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Pastor and Congregation

**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. Amen.**

*(In silence, confess your personal sins to God.)*

#### **Kyrie Eleison**

“Change My Heart, O God”

No. 695

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**Cámbiame, Señor, con tu gran poder. Hazme como tú; tu yo quiero ser.**

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)**

Pastor and Congregation

Beloved, believe in the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Jesus prepares a place for us, Jesus brings us close to him, and Jesus answers us even in our unbelief.

**We are God's own people. Thanks be to God!**

#### **Lessons from Scripture**

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\* **Invitation to Stand**

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### **Prayer for Illumination**

Liturgist

Merciful God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**First Reading:** 1 Peter 2:2-10 (p. 1014 Pew Bible)

Liturgist

This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

**Second Reading:** John 14:1-14 (p. 901 Pew Bible)

Pastor

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

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

**Sermon** "Living as God's Own People"

Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

**Anthem**

"Come, Be Fed"  
(Ruth Elaine Schram & Celsie Staggers)

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 worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We**

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**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.**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Communion Hymn**      “Come to the Table of Grace”      No. 507

### **Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

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**

- \* **Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Faith Promises**      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 as you exit the building.*

- \* **Hymn**      “To God Be the Glory”      No. 634
- \* **Charge and Benediction**      Pastor

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- \* **Invitation to Stand**

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\* **Sending Song**

“We Are One in Christ Jesus”  
“Somos uno en Cristo”  
(sing 2 times)

No. 322

**We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together.  
Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.**

\* **Postlude**

Gary O’Neal, Organist



Assisting in worship today is Leigh Taylor, Liturgist.  
The Usher is Diane Llywelyn.

Refreshments in the Parlor today are served  
by the Stewardship and Finance Committee.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

Sunday	11:00 am	We Feed the World Sunday Disciple Fellowship Group
Monday	11:30-1:00pm 6:00 pm	Church Food Pantry Worship and Music Committee Meeting
Tuesday	11:30 am – 1:00 pm 6:30pm	Church Food Pantry Fellowship Committee Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal Way Out Wednesday Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 am 11:30 am – 1:00 pm 3:00 pm	Bible Study Church Food Pantry Open Gate



### **SESSION MEMBERS** **Diane Llywelyn – Clerk**

Class of 2026  
Diane Llywelyn  
Bill Oney  
Charlene Taylor

Class of 2027  
Kathleen Hale  
Dorothy Moore  
Ann O'Neal

Class of 2028  
Bill Grayson  
Shelly Manriquez  
Harry Roberts

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The Weekly Devotional focuses on today's sermon and message. It includes a memory verse, three reflection questions, and a challenge for the upcoming week.

Please take the Weekly Devotional home with you and use it throughout the week.

**Sermon:**  
**“Living as God’s Own People”**

**Scripture Readings:** 1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

**Memory Verse:**

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

**Reflection Questions**

- 1) What does it mean to you to be part of God's royal priesthood?
- 2) As part of God's people, how do you reflect God's nature in your life?
- 3) Jesus said he is the Way. What can you do to follow in his ways?

**Challenge for the Week**

It's time to thoroughly examine your life. Keep a journal over the next week. Each day record the ways in which you were acting as a follower of Jesus and one of God's own people.

**Prayer**

O Lord, lead me in your way, your truth, and your life, that I may act as your agent on earth each and every day.