

## ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

### WELCOME

*Assisted listening devices are available in the sound booth.*

### PRELUDE

*Race to Win*

Music by Travis Getzen  
Combined Kids Choirs

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

† *Indicates the congregation should stand.*

L: Come and sit with me; we shall study the Word.

**P: Together we shall read and understand.**

L: Come and kneel with me; we shall break the bread.

**P: Together we shall eat and be satisfied.**

L: Come and walk with me; we shall part the waters.

**P: Together we shall risk; and, behold, we shall be changed.**

### † PROCESSIONAL HYMN 568

*Christ for the World We Sing*

ITALIAN HYMN

### † PRAYER

**Cultivating God, we come as Your children to grow and learn because You are our vine grower. God, we desire for You to abide within us and for Your grace to be revealed anew daily. As Your branches, we ask You to nourish us for continued growth. May You transform our hearts and minds as we hear Your Word, sing Your praises, and engage in holy dialogue through prayer. We pray in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### † PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*God makes peace within us; let us claim it. God makes peace between us; let us share it. Let us greet one another as a sign of God’s peace.*

L: The peace of Christ is here among us.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*The Children of God*

Music by Steven Janco  
Covenant Choir

See what love the Father has bestowed on us in letting us be called the children of God! Yet that is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized the Son. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet come to light. We know that when it comes to light we shall be like God, for we shall see God face to face. The children of God, we shall see God.

## LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

### CALL TO THE WORD

In times of spiritual renewal, when God is working powerfully in and through His followers to demonstrate how real and good Jesus is, one element we can expect to see is many people converting. This conversion is not a somber commitment to a religious code, but a joyous, life-altering encounter with the living Jesus. The account of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch illustrates two universal lessons about conversion. First, God draws all kinds of people to Himself. Second, He uses His willing followers to help those people to whom He’s already reaching out.

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch*

Pastor Meshach Kanyion

## RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### LITANY OF HOPE

L: The Holy Spirit speaks through the Scriptures.

**P: The Spirit has inspired Hebrew and Greek words, setting God’s truth in human language, placing God’s teaching in ancient cultures, and proclaiming the gospel in the history of the world.**

L: The Spirit speaks truly what the nations must know, translating God’s Word into modern languages, impressing It on human hearts and cultures.

**P: The Holy Spirit speaks through the church, measuring Its words by the canonical Scriptures.**

L: The Spirit has spoken in the ancient creeds and in the confessions of the Reformation.

**P: The Spirit calls the world to bear witness to Christ in faithfulness to the Scriptures, in harmony with the church of the ages, and in unity with all Christ’s people.**

L: God’s Spirit speaks in the world according to God’s ultimate Word in Christ.

**P: In every time and place, in ancient cities and distant lands, in technology and business, in art and education, God has not been without a witness.**

L: The Word has entered where we have failed to go.

**P: In each year and in every place, we expect the coming of Christ’s Spirit.**

L: As we listen to the world’s concerns, hear the cry of the oppressed, and learn of new discoveries,

**P: God will give us knowledge, teach us to respond with maturity, and give us courage to act with integrity.**

*from The Worship Sourcebook*

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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. Amen.**

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

### OFFERTORY

*Minuet in E-flat Major*

Music by G. F. Handel

### † DOXOLOGY

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

### † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, may the gifts we return to You cause Your name to be celebrated among the nations. May the lives that we live cause Your name to be celebrated in all generations. May our offerings be signs of our praise to You, forever and ever. Amen.**

## GO FORTH WITH GOD'S BLESSING

### † RECESSIONAL HYMN 569

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

MESSAGE

### † BENEDICTION

### † POSTLUDE

*Sonata in D Major*

Music by Henry Purcell

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Scripture readings are New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSV) unless otherwise noted.

## IN WORSHIP TODAY

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Starla Clark in honor of five of her family members celebrating April birthdays!

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Meshach Kanyion, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Karen Crawford, *Associate Pastor*

Mary Stapleton, *Acolyte*

Les Sper, *Lay Reader*

Joe Galyon, *Director of Worship and Arts*

David Anderson, *Director of Children's Music*

Musicians, *Combined Kids Choir, Covenant Choir*

Peyton Voline, *Worship Technology Coordinator*

Steve Shiparski, *Presentation Operator*

Joy Delker, *Video Mixer*

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to  
Worship

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Fifth Sunday of Easter