

**5th Sunday after Easter
Worship Service
April 28 – 9:00 a.m.**

Gathering

Announcements

P: Alleluia he is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

P: We give thanks, O God...your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John...the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (ELW #836)

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig Von Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.
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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.*

Kyrie: (ELW p. 138)

This is the Feast: (ELW p. 140)

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40 (NRSVue) *Response: Thanks be to God!*

Psalm: Psalm 22:25-31 (NRSVue)

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶ *The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!*

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸ *For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.*

²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

³⁰ *Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord*
³¹ *and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.*

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 (NRSVue) *Response: Thanks be to God!*

Gospel Acclamation: (ELW p. 142)

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8 (NRSVue)

Response before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Now Green the Blade Rises” (ELW #379)

Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him,
love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain
that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving,
or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead
and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

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Nicene Creed: (ELW p. 127)

Prayers of Intercession: God of grace, *hear our prayer.*

Peace:

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

C: *And also with you.*

Choir Anthem: “Come to the Table”

Offering Prayer: Let us pray. Risen One,

C: *you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.*

Meal

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 thanks and praise.*

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy: (ELW p. 144b)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer: (ELW p. 154)

Invitation to Communion

Communion

Table Blessing:

P: Now may the body....and keep us in his grace.

C: *Amen.*

Prayer after Communion: Let us pray. Shepherding God,

C: you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Benediction:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: *Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

P: The God of resurrection...bless you now and always.

C: *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

Shine Jesus shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow, flood the nations
with grace and mercy:
Send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light.

Verse 2

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me (*Chorus*)

Verse 3

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me (*Chorus*)

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Sending

Dismissal:

P: We go out into the world

C: sharing the love of God, spreading the Word of God, and serving the children of God.

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

(SZ) Camera: Altar – Cross

Postlude

End Zoom Meeting

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