

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Abundant Life Worship
May 2 – 8:15 a.m.**

GATHERING

Prelude

Announcements

Easter Proclamation:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

P: Jesus offers a new-old commandment:

C: that we should love each other.

P: With the incredible power and the unfathomable depth of God's love for us,

C: we can, we must love one another.

P: And it is in this—our love for one another—that the world will know the one we worship.

C: Come, children of God, let us love one another.

Opening Song: “Jesus is Alive”

Hallelujah Jesus is alive
Death has lost its vict'ry
And the grave has been denied
Jesus lives forever
He's alive he's alive

He's the Alpha and Omega
The first and last is he
The curse of sin is broken
And we have perfect liberty
The Lamb of God has risen
He's alive he's alive

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Opening Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Trusting in the mercy of God...our failure to love our neighbor.

Silence for reflection

P: God of mercy,

C: we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

P: You have already been cleansed...Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

WORD

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

Psalm: Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶*The poor shall eat and be satisfied, let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!*

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

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

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰*Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.*

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Second Reading: John 15:1-8 Response: *Thanks be to God!*

Gospel Reading: John 15: 9-17

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

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

Children's Message

Message

Response Song: "God of All"

God of all we come to praise you
We lift your name on high
In all the earth
God of all we come to praise you
We lift your name on high
In all the earth

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In all the earth

God of glory
God of majesty
God of mercy
We lift your name on high
God of all
God of all

God of holiness
God of righteousness
God of heaven
We lift your name on high
God of all
God of All

Apostles' Creed: (ELW p. 104)

Prayers of Intercession: Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great.*

Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: *And also with you.*

(You are invited to share signs of peace from where you stand with those around you. Those on line are welcome to turn on their video and show a sign of peace. Please remember to turn your video off after the peace.)

Offering

Offering Prayer

Thanksgiving of Baptism

(After the prayer, all are invited to dip their fingers in water and make the sign of the cross on their own forehead whilst receiving the blessing.)

Lord's Prayer: (ELW p. 134)

ZOOM Blessing:

P: The love of Christ is alive in you...upon you today and always.

C: *Amen.*

****End ZOOM Worship

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 our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion Instructions

(The ushers will usher you out one family group at a time. On your way out you are invited to use the hand sanitizing station at the back of the sanctuary before receiving your individually packaged communion kit from an usher. Please do not open the kits until you have reached your vehicles. As you receive the elements, remember that in this body and blood of Christ we are united together in the body of Christ and transformed by God's grace into a community of faith sent out to be God's presence in the world.)

SENDING

Easter Proclamation:

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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: Christ is with us!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude