

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 7, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.



Welcome!

To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us? Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special gift for visiting with us today!

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name. (REPEAT)

Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. My anchor holds within the veil.

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When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone. Faultless stand before the throne.

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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me—

C: **Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."**

P: For whoever would save his life will lose it—

C: **But whoever loses his life for Jesus will find it.**

P: Therefore, I consider my life worth nothing.

C: **If only I may finish the race—**

P: And complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me.

C: **The task of testifying to the gospel of God's amazing grace!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Magnificent and merciful Father,

C: **Hear my sorry story of sin and rebellion.**

P: I have grown used to my spiritual emptiness and deadness.

C: **I have grown content with my stubborn attitude and my hard heart.**

P: I have settled for something less than being Christ's passionate disciple.

C: **I have sunk deeper and deeper into sin and selfishness.**

P: My spiritual zeal and zest have dried up like a desert.

C: **I have succumbed to a mediocre life and a lackluster faith. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on me!**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus bled for you, Jesus died for you, Jesus lives for you and Jesus is coming for you. Jesus loves you, and Jesus forgives all your sins. In Holy Baptism, you were crucified with Christ.

C: **It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me! I now live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus and with your empowering Spirit, raise us out of bitterness and resentment so that we forgive each other, even as you have forgiven us completely in Christ. We pray in our Savior's name,

C: **Amen.**

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,
Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me Thine all in all.

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
and melt the heart of stone.

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save,
my lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow
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He washed it white as snow
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He washed it white as snow

O Praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
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The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. ³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.’³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

It Is Well

Grander earth has quaked before
Moved by the sound of His voice
Seas that are shaken and stirred
Can be calmed and broken for my regard

Through it all through it all
My eyes are on You
Through it all through it all

It is well
Through it all through it all
My eyes are on You
And it is well with me

Far be it from me to not believe
Even when my eyes can't see
And this mountain that's in front of me
Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

Through it all through it all
My eyes are on You
Through it all through it all
It is well
Through it all through it all
My eyes are on You
And it is well, it is well

So let go my soul and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name

So let go my soul and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name

It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul

Through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You, and it is well with me

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Sermon Developing Passionate Disciples of Jesus Matt 18:21-35

The Offering

Prayer of Blessing

P You have called us and empowered us for a mission to the whole world. You have gathered us as a church, washed us in grace, united us in faith and given us the Holy Spirit. We are joined to believers around the globe who offer our lives and our resources to be used in the world of Your Kingdom on earth.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Father, empower us to be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,

People: **Just as in Christ, you forgave us.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we bring before You all those who have built their lives on something other than You. We pray that You would draw them to Yourself that they may build on a sure foundation. Father, empower us to be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,

People: **Just as in Christ, you forgave us.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for all those who have trouble in this world, including for the homeless, the poor, the lonely, the unemployed, those who are abused, and those who are taken advantage of. Lead each of these to steadier situations, so that their lives may evermore be built on You. Father, empower us to be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,

People: **Just as in Christ, you forgave us.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort all those who are suffering in grief. Point them to the hope that in Your Father's house are many rooms, and You have gone to prepare a place for us. Father, empower us to be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,

People: **Just as in Christ, you forgave us.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for all those struggling with relationship issues, whether that is friendships, family dynamics, marital struggles, or anything else. We pray that You would bring reconciliation in the midst of such struggle. Remind Your people that they are chosen and holy and called to reflect Your forgiveness. Father, empower us to be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,

People: Just as in Christ, you forgave us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them, and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Father, empower us to be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,

People: Just as in Christ, you forgave us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend all these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us and You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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 and ever. Amen

The Invitation

P: This morning we have another opportunity to encounter God's real, tangible grace for us in this meal; that in, with, and under these simple elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ given to us for the forgiveness of sins.

And so, we become what we eat. We are the body of Christ to be sent out into the world. So it's necessary and good that we partake of this meal; that we experience God's love for us in this way, that we share this family meal together. So if this is your confession I would invite you to join me as we confess together our faith.

C: I understand and admit that I have sinned against God, that I recognize my sin and humbly ask God to forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and that He is my only hope against sin, death, and the devil.

I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine I receive this true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life to the Lord and His Church by faithfully worshipping Him, cheerfully giving my time and resources, and joyfully sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.

Words of Institution

On the night He was betrayed,
He took the bread, gave thanks, and said,
“Take eat, my friends, this broken bread,
this is my body for forgiveness of your sin.
When you eat, my friends, this meal of love,
remember me and my love for you again.”

On the night He was betrayed,
He took the cup, gave thanks, and said,
“Take drink, my friends, this cup of wine,
this is my blood for forgiveness of your sin.
When you drink, my friends, this cup of love,
remember me and my love for you again.”

**Oh, we are here, to thank You Lord,
for the bread and wine outpoured.
For it is Your body and Your blood
that You so lovingly and freely give to us.
So we praise You holy Lamb of God;
We love You our sweet Jesus.
We love You our sweet Jesus. We love You our sweet Jesus.**

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Come, Thou Fount, Come, Thou King

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me;
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free;
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home;
Now Your grace is always with me, and I'll never be alone.

Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear Your Bride, to You we sing;
Come, Thou Fount of our blessing

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Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear Your Bride, to You we sing;
Come, Thou Fount of our blessing.

O to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear Your Bride, to You we sing;
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Communion Dismissal

- P: Now may this true body and blood, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith until life everlasting.
Go in His peace.
- C: **Amen**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal. Daily remind us of our identity in You as a newborn, chosen, priestly people called to proclaim Your excellencies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Benediction

- P: Jesus says—
- C: **Go make disciples of all nations,**
- P: Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Teaching them to obey everything that he has commanded us.**
- P: Christ is with us always—
- C: **To the very end of the age!**

We Will Dance

Sing a song of celebration
Lift up a shout of praise
For the Bridegroom will come
The glorious One and oh
We will look on His face
We'll go to a much better place

Dance with all your might
Lift up your hands and clap for joy

The time's drawing near
When He will appear
And oh we will stand by His side
A strong pure spotless bride

Oh, we will dance on the streets that are golden
The glorious Bride and the great Son of Man
From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation
Will join in the song of the Lamb

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The glorious Bride and the great Son of Man
From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation
Will join in the song of the Lamb

Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near
The risen King our groom is soon to appear
The wedding feast to come is now near at hand
Lift up your voice proclaim the coming Lamb

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The glorious Bride and the great Son of Man
From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation
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