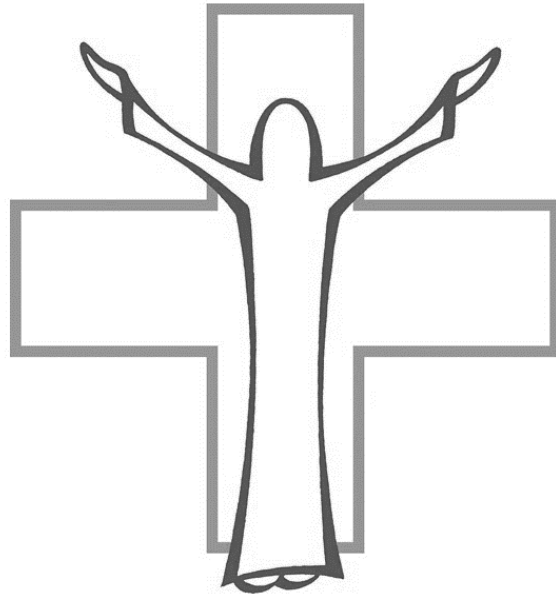


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Jesus led the disciples out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Luke 24:50-53**

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**Welcome. We pray that you may be blessed through our worship and fellowship today. We cordially invite you to join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following worship.**

\* Those who are able may stand.

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**We Gather to Worship God**

**Prelude**

**Prelude in Fugue G-  
Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>**

**N. Bruhns  
Setting by J. Kerr**

**All Sing: God welcomes all! Strangers and friends!  
God's love is strong! And it never ends!**

Words: John L. Bell; Music: Trad. South African melody  
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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 47:1-2, 5-8**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: **For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.**

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Pastor: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

People: **God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

**\*Hymn**

***Rejoice, the Lord Is King***

**CH # 699**

Words: Charles Wesley; Music: John Darwall

- 1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! The risen Christ adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph ever-more:  
Refrain: lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
  
- 2. God's reign can never fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:  
Refrain: lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
  
- 3. Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, our Judge, shall come  
to glorify the saints for their eternal home:  
Refrain: lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**\*Invocation (in unison)**

**from Ephesians 1:17-19**

**God of glory, give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know you, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of our glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of your power for us; through Christ our Lord, whom you raised from the dead and seated at your right hand in the heavenly places. Amen.**

**\*Passing the Peace**

Greeting: Christ is risen! – Response: **Yes. I can see him in your face.**

**Choir Anthem**

***The Lord Is My Shepherd***

Howard Goodall

**Time with God's Children**

**Scripture Reading**

**Acts 1:1-14**

**The Good News: God Is Still Speaking and Working**

Pastor Paul Day

**\*Hymn**

***Day by Day***

**CH # 599**

Words: attr. Richard of Chichester; Music: Stephen Schwartz

- 1. Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly; day by day.**
- 2. Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly; day by day, by day, by day, by day.**

**Call to Prayer**

**1 Peter 5:7**

Cast all your anxiety on the Lord, because God cares for you.

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God**

For the sake of your prayers . . . maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words

of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

**1 Peter 4:7b-8, 10-11**

**Offertory**                      **O Master, Let me Walk with Thee**                      **D. Wood**

**\*Doxology:**    **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
                         Praise God, all creatures here below;  
                         Praise God for all that love has done;  
                         Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)**

**May God be glorified in our offerings through Jesus Christ; that is, may God's grace and love be made visible and tangible through the ministries of this church and through our lives. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**                              ***O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee***                              **CH # 602**  
Words: Washington Gladden; Music: Henry Percy Smith

- 1. O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly  
paths of service free; tell me thy secret;  
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**
- 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
winning word of love; teach me the wayward  
feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.**
- 3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer,  
dearer company, in work that keeps faith  
sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.**
- 4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the  
future's broadening way; in peace that only  
thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

from **1 Peter 5:5-6, 8-11**

Clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. . . . Discipline yourselves; keep alert. . . . Resist the devil. Be steadfast in faith . . . And the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

**Postlude**

**An Epilogue of Praise**

**D. Paxton**

**We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors**

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### **THIS WEEK\***

Today 10:30 am, Coffee Hour

Tue. 10:00 am, Tuesday Gals

Wed. 6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Sat. 9:00 am, Rummage Sale

#### **Next Lord’s Day – May 28 – Pentecost**

8:30 am, Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am, Worship Service

“Strengthen the Church” Offering

#### **Looking ahead . . .**

June 2—4 – Women’s Spring Weekend @ Pilgrim Lodge

June 3—4 – C.I.T. Training @ Pilgrim Lodge

### **IN OUR PRAYERS\***

**Congregation & Community:** Diana Day, Sandra & Vince Golonka, Wayne Malloch, Blanche Mays, Cindy Thompson

**Nation & World:** Mental Health Awareness Month; Peace in Ukraine and all places of conflict; gun violence; adequate and appropriate shelter for those who are unhoused.

\*Please submit items for the Church Calendar or the Prayer List to Pastor Day or Lyn Glassock by Tuesday in order to be included in the bulletin. Thank You.