



# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2014

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Children ages 3 yrs -2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.*) †

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

PRELUDE.....arr. J. S. Bach

*Prelude in F*

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP.....Nick Moorad

Leader: God has called us together for this time of worship.  
God is listening to our thoughts and to our speaking.

PEOPLE: **GOD INCLINES AN EAR TO US AND HEARS US.  
GOD KNOWS US BETTER THAN WE KNOW OURSELVES.**

Leader: Let us open our hearts to the One who gives us life.  
Let us set our faith and hope in God.

PEOPLE: **IN ONE ANOTHER'S PRESENCE, WE RENEW OUR VOWS.  
TOGETHER WE OFFER OUR SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING.**

Leader: God's promises to us are ancient and ever new.  
God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

UNISON: **TOGETHER WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN SONGS OF PRAISE.  
TOGETHER WE RECOGNIZE WE ARE PRECIOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT.**

\*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 22 (vs. 1, 2, 3)

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

\*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Ivy Kelly

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Wondrous God, present with us when we do not know it, valuing us when we do not care for ourselves, planting in us the seed of Your word even when the soil of our hearts is hard and unyielding, open our eyes to recognize You here. May we sense Your presence next to us. May we hear Your voice. May we know Your touch. May we see You in one another and in the beauty all around us. May Your reality emerge deep within each life, transforming our thoughts and deeds and our relationship with one another. In the name of the risen Lord, we pray this day, saying, "*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. 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.

\*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (*pg 439*).....Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

ANTHEM.....arr. Young

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

SECOND READING (*pg 877*).....John 14:1-14

SERMON.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D

*Seeing, Believing, Acting: A Radical Call to Discipleship*

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.....David McCrickard

OFFERTORY.....arr. Schultz

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank You, God, for the gift of joining with Christ in the proclamation of Your love for all people. May the ministries we support serve to unite people across all differences, building up the body of Christ and reaching out to the world with healing energy. Bless these gifts and all who give in any way to make Your love known. Amen.

\*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 528

*Give Thanks*

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 403

*In Remembrance of Me*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Steve Gray

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Tony Peris

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. McLean

*Be Still, My Soul*

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 545**

***He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!***

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*POSTLUDE**

‡ *Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades remain in church*

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Debra Trevino, Rosemary Lahy, Rick Lahy, Pam Gibbs



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.  
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence  
in the week ahead. See you next Sunday!*

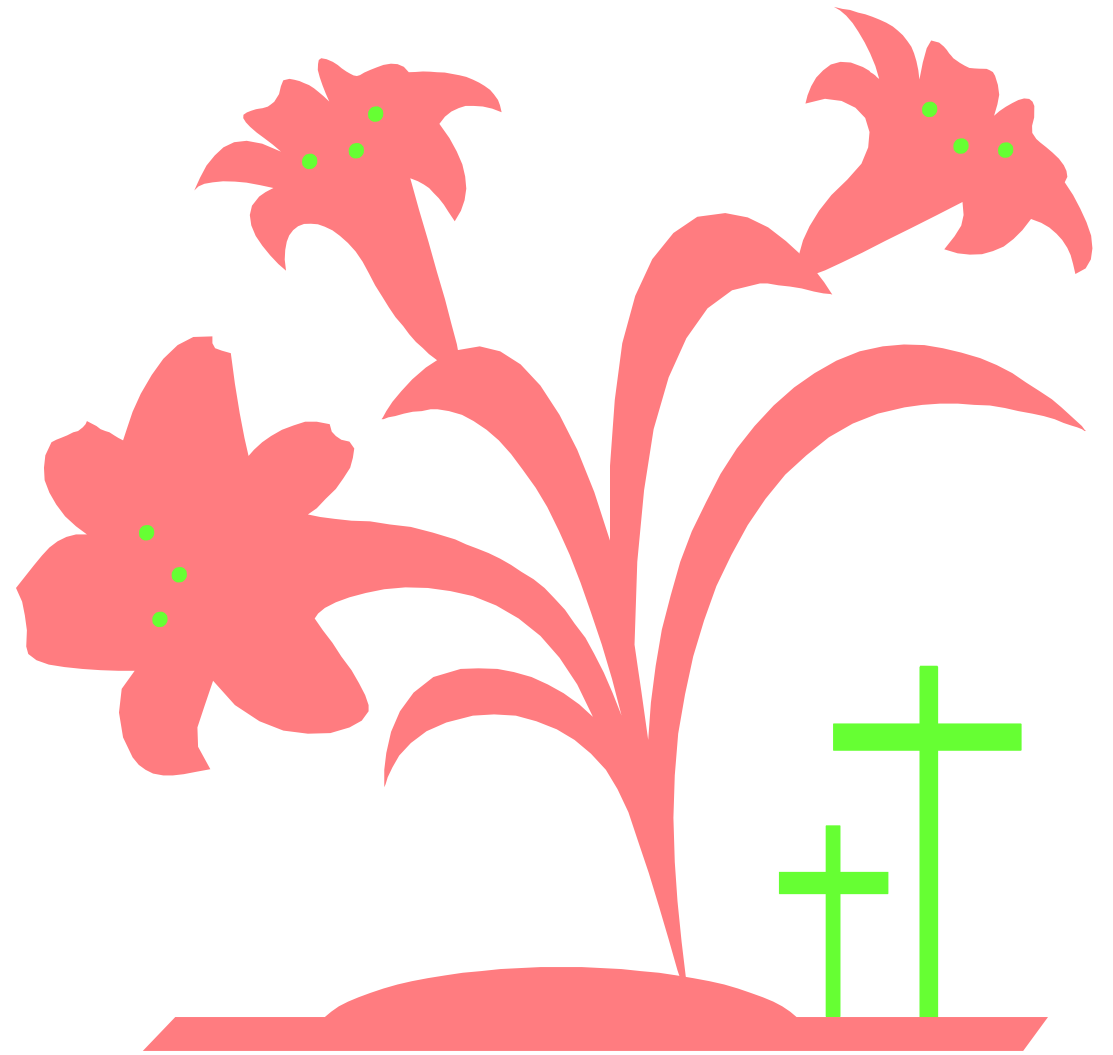


***The Welcome Loaf***

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please greet Rev. Cyd at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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