



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE.....Roy Nolte
Prayer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Charles Kelly

Leader: Extol the LORD!

PEOPLE: THE LORD HAS LIFTED US UP.

Leader: When we cried to the LORD for help;

PEOPLE: THE LORD WAS THERE TO HEAL US.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD.

PEOPLE: WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD'S HOLY NAME.

Leader: Weeping may linger for the night,

UNISON: BUT JOY COMES WITH THE MORNING! HALLELUJAH!

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Grant Gonsalves

***WORSHIP HYMN**.....**CH. 484**
We've A Story to Tell to the Nations

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Here we are again O God, gathered together and seeking to know Your presence in our midst. We come with burdens and fears. We come with joy abundant. We come with hopes and dreams. We come with emptiness and feelings of loneliness. Draw us near to You, O God, and help up to feel Your presence. For though we know You are always with us, we know Your presence seems stronger when we are gathered in Your name. Receive our prayers, petitions, and praise. Grant us Your blessings and favor. We ask it all in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray, 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**
Glory Be to the Father

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING *(pg. 878)*.....John 15:1-8

SOLO.....David McCrickard
It Is Well with My Soul

SECOND READING *(pg. 991)*.....1 John 4:7-21

MESSAGE.....The Rev. Dr. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D.
"Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their Brothers or Sisters, are Liars!"

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Danny Daniels
A Sun and a Shield

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, You give us so much, and we are truly thankful. Take these tithes and offerings, a simple sign of our thankfulness, and use them to further Your abundance. We celebrate Your love and Your care for us and we dedicate our lives, once again, to serving You, whom we do not see, and our brothers and sisters, who we see. We know that we cannot love You if we fail to love our sisters and brothers. Help us grow in love and discipleship every day. And now we pray that these material signs of Your blessing will become material and spiritual blessings for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***GIVE THANKS**.....**CH. 528**
Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....**CH. 420**
I Come with Joy

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Bob Nutting

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Cheryl Jarvis

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....James Southbridge
Cavatina

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. 537 (vs. 1 & 4)**

My Hope Is Built

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.....George Blake**

Ceremonial March

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
Youth remain in church

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Fran Gray, Emily Vinson, Katie Mills, Jimmy Jarvis



*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. We look forward to seeing 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 see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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