



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021

WELCOME

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We thank you, risen Christ.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

We bless you, risen Christ.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

#619 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Christ is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

we worship you,

we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ,

only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

1st READING
Acts 8:26-40

PSALM
22:25-31

2nd READING
1 John 4:7-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL
John 15:1-8

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/SERMON

Pastor Lynette Chapman

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

OFFERING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

#367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us. You can find more information about worship services, online devotions, fun activities for kids, a link for electronic giving, and more at our website www.gslc-cu.org.

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