

Fifth Sunday of EASTER



**Sunday, May 2, 2021
10 o'clock in the morning**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, and CONCERNS

Additional announcements can be found in the Weekly Word e-mail sent out on Friday mornings.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Passing of the Peace is the oldest part of the Christian liturgy and is a special way we welcome each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. You are invited to participate in this ritual by adding in the comment section.

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

[The Faith We Sing #2236]

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this pace our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day Gather us in — the lost and forsaken, gather us in — the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young — our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old — who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in — the rich and the haughty, gather us in — the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us a new to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to earth the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light-years away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in — all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer in Song

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah

Gathering of the Prayers

Prayer in Song

Lord's Prayer

The 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. Amen.

Prayer in Song

OFFERTORY

***Doxology:**

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise God all creature here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:29-32

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 15:1-18

Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved." This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the believers very glad. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them.

Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses."

The apostles and elders met to consider this question. After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? No! We believe it is through the grace of our

Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”

The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them.

When they finished, James spoke up. “Brothers,” he said, “listen to me. Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles. The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written: “‘After this I will return and rebuild David’s fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things’— things known from long ago.

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SERMON

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

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One Last Time

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Hymn of Preparation

The Lord’s Prayer

[TFWS#2278; Music: Anon, arr. Al Oppenheimer]

*Our Father in heaven, holy is your name.
Holy is your name. Your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our
sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us
from evil. For the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory are yours, forever, forever,
and ever.*

* Invitation

* Prayer of Consecration

* Words of Institution

* Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

CLOSING HYMN

There is a Balm in Gilead

[Hymnal #375]

Refrain: *There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin - sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my
work’s in vain. But then the Holy Spirit revives my
soul again.*

Refrain. *Don’t ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is
your friend, and if you look for knowledge he’ll
ne’er refuse to lend.*

Refrain. *If you can’t preach like Peter, if you
can’t pray like Paul, just tell the love Jesus, and
say he died for all.*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S SERVICE:

Thank you to all who served today!

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