



# Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

PRELUDE.....Linda Stassen-Benjamin  
*Sing Halleluiah*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Jonathan Martell

Leader: Come to praise God, all you faithful people!  
come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO GOD, WHO RULES OVER ALL THE EARTH.  
PRAISE TO GOD, WHO IS AS NEAR AS OUR NEXT BREATH.

Leader: Sun and moon and stars shine in praise to God.  
God creates them and established for each a place.

PEOPLE: GOD HAS A PLACE FOR US IN THIS WORLD;  
WE HAVE COME THAT GOD MAY INSTRUCT AND EQUIP US.

Leader: Mountains and hills, trees and animals praise God.  
Let all the rulers of the earth do so as well.

UNISON: GOD PROVIDES ABUNDANTLY FOR OUR NEEDS.  
GOD MAKES OF ONE FAMILY ALL WHO DWELL ON EARTH.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Tommy Mills

\*WORSHIP HYMN *(see screen)*.....Eddie Espinosa  
*Change My Heart O God*

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

We praise You, O God, and celebrate Your presence with us. Your glory fills all heaven and earth, all time and space. Your gifts surround us and dwell within us. We are Your children. Come to wipe away our tears and comfort us in our distress. Come to heal our divisions and overcome our prejudices. Come, that we might be loved into discipleship. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus 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. 877)*.....John 13:31-35

ANTHEM.....William Rees & Robert Lowry  
*Here is Love*

SECOND READING *(pg. 895)*.....Acts 11:1-18

MESSAGE.....Pastor Mark E. Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Reuben Morgan  
*I Give You My Heart*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank You, gracious God, for making your home with us and claiming us as your own people. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts toward the new world You are creating among us—a world where peace emerges from mutual respect and honest encounters. May your love be reflected in our attitudes and actions when we are together and when we are scattered. Amen.

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

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 321  
*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Jennifer Larson

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Kathryn Bean

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Chris Tomlin  
*Jesus Loves Me*

*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. 543**

*Blessed Assurance*

*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.....David M. Jahn**

*A Song of Unity*

‡ Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth attend LIVE BIG!

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

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Mike Wallace, Mary Peris, April Hughes, Nathan Loftis



*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!*



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***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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