

If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you . . .

1 Peter 4:14a

“And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world” . . . **John 17:11a**

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses” . . .

Acts 1:8a

Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

Psalms 68:3

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To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Easter Proclamation

*Christ Is Risen!
Christ Is Risen, Indeed!*

Introit (3x)

Christ is risen, alleluia. Love is risen, alleluia.

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Remembering our Baptism

***Hymn 36**

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

Response 577 (2x)

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***Response 243 (3x)**

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

***Passing of the Peace**

Blessing the World

Angola, Mozambique

Response 250, v. 1

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

First Pew

Response 250, v. 3

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Sermon

“Easier Said than Done”

***Hymn 463**

“How Firm a Foundation”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Create a Pure Heart in Me,” *Susan Matsui*

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***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord

Sending 246, v. 1, 5

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.*

Worry is a misuse of imagination. **Dan Zadra**

Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light. **Helen Keller**

Noncooperation with evil is as much a duty as cooperation with good. **Mahatma Gandhi**

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less. **C. S. Lewis**

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Sunday, May 17 • Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11

8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom

Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

12:00 p.m. New Member Class – Pastor Mary Jane’s office

80th Birthday Celebration for Cheryl Pullen – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 19

5:00 p.m. Immigration & Refugee Support Committee Meeting via Zoom

7:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, May 20

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Saturday, May 23

10:00 a.m. Share Program Event until 4 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 24 • Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom

Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

Eastertide
Seventh Sunday

May 17, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Resurrection

Resurrection is not just comfort,
it’s courage. It’s a signpost.

It points to the victory
of love and nonviolence
over evil, death and injustice.

It indicates the good path
where our good shepherd leads us,
through the shadowed valley of suffering,
to bring to the table of grace
even our enemies.

For, dying, love endures.

Failing, love wins.

So we follow good paths
with courage to live gently,
to serve humbly, to forgive freely,
to risk boldly for the sake of the vulnerable.

Such is the path to life
that can’t be taken from us, even by death,
an abundantly fruiting tree,
rooted in the eternal heart of God.

So nourished in this peculiar green pasture
of dying and rising,
and so gently led
by our dying and rising shepherd,
with love and courage we go.

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