

2024

# “Worship the God of Wonders”



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear and join in today’s Worship service**

*It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. How great are His signs, how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; His dominion endures from generation to generation..*

*Daniel 4:2,3*

**Call Statement:**

*“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”*

**Mission Statement:**

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

### **WELCOME AND PRAYER**

#### **BRIEF ORDER: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you** (*Greet each other sharing Christ's peace.*)

## SONG

### Father Welcomes All His Children

#### Chorus

Father welcomes all His children  
To His fam'ly through His Son;  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.

#### Verse 1

Little children come to Me,  
For My kingdom is of these;  
Life and love I have to give;  
Mercy for your sin.

#### Verse 2

In the water, in the Word,  
In His promise be assured;  
Those who are baptized and believe  
Shall be born again.

#### Verse 3

Let us daily die to sin.  
Let us daily rise with Him.  
Walk in the love of Christ, our Lord.  
Live in the peace of God.

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Dearest Lord God,

All: **Help us to fear and love You with all our heart, to glorify You and call on You with all our heart, to receive and follow Your Word with all our heart, to always seek the good of our neighbors, to hold on to the True Faith and keep a clear conscience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.** *Martin Luther*

## LESSONS

Acts 8:26-40

Psalms 150

1 John 4:7-11

## GOSPEL

John 15:1-17

## THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

### LOVE as Revealed in the WORD

## SONG

### The Power of Your Love

#### Verse 1

Lord I come to You, Let my heart be changed, renewed;  
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.  
And Lord I've come to know The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away By the pow'r of Your love.

#### Chorus

Hold me close, Let Your love surround me.  
Bring me near, Draw me to Your side.  
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,  
And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on  
In the pow'r of Your love.

#### Verse 2

Lord unveil my eyes, Let me see You face to face;  
The knowledge of Your love, As You live, in me.  
Lord renew my mind As Your will unfolds in my life,  
In living ev'ry day By the pow'r of Your love.

### APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer...

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

**All: Amen.**

### THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: and also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### The WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### The LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**All: 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 and ever. Amen.**

### The DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

#### The POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

**All: Amen.**

#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

**All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

**All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen**

## THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

## SONG

### To God Be the Glory

#### Verse 1

To God be the glory! Great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world That He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life An atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate That all may go in.

#### Chorus

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!!  
O come to the Father Through Jesus the Son;  
And give Him the glory, Great things He hath done!

#### Verse 2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

#### Verse 3

Great things He hath taught us, Great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

## THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

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**NEXT SUNDAY May 5, 2024**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Acts 10:34-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-8 John 15:18-16:4**

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April 21, 2024

Attendance: 38

Offering \$1,930.00

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Join us for Fellowship Hour  
following worship today



Join in our Tuesday Bible Study  
10:30 am on Tuesdays mornings  
- Gospel of Mark - we meet in the Narthex-



**Day Camp June 24<sup>th</sup> - June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 - 11:30 am**

Day Camp is coming. We ask you to be in prayer during these weeks for this discipleship ministry we do. We also invite you to make plans to help make the week of June 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> powerfully life transforming with your time, and your God-given gifts.