

# THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

**10:00 a.m.**

\* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve Clark

PRELUDE

*Christians, We Have Met to Worship*  
Jeffrey DeVault – piano

arr. Mark Hayes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Betty Shirar

One: Alleluia! Christ is alive;

**ALL: LET ALL THE PEOPLE PRAISE HIM.**

One: Let all creation sing with joy.

**ALL: ALLELUIA!**

One: Let us worship the Lord!

\*HYMN NO. 804

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

vs. 1, 3, 5

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: GOD OF MERCY,  
YOUR COMMAND TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER  
ACROSS ALL DIFFERENCES  
OPENS US TO NEW HORIZONS,  
YET WE OFTEN RESPOND WITH FEAR AND JUDGMENT,  
ALWAYS READY TO BUILD WALLS  
BETWEEN “THEM” AND “US” –  
WALLS THAT HINDER YOUR GOAL FOR HUMANITY.  
FORGIVE OUR SINS, WE PRAY,  
AND GIVE US A TRUE REPENTANCE  
THAT LEADS TO LIFE FOR ALL CREATION.  
WE ASK THIS IN JESUS’ NAME.  
HEAR OUR CONFESSION IN THE SILENCE, LORD . . .**

[SILENCE]

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE (all sing)

*Christ Is Alive!*

NO. 246, v. 5

**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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Christina Pressley

*J.A.M. Session participants will leave for the Art Room following the Children's Sermon.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-18

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

SERMON

*Learning Our Way Forward*

Pastor Steve Clark

SILENT REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

**ALL: CHRIST JESUS, THOUGH HE WAS IN THE FORM OF GOD,  
DID NOT REGARD EQUALITY WITH GOD  
AS SOMETHING TO BE EXPLOITED,  
BUT EMPTIED HIMSELF, TAKING THE FORM OF A SLAVE,  
BEING BORN IN HUMAN LIKENESS.  
AND BEING FOUND IN HUMAN FORM HE HUMBLING HIMSELF  
AND BECAME OBEIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH—  
EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.  
THEREFORE, GOD ALSO HIGHLY EXALTED HIM  
AND GAVE HIM THE NAME THAT IS ABOVE EVERY NAME,  
SO THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BEND,  
IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH,  
AND EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:  
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD! AMEN.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Love as Christ Would Love*

Bob Burroughs

Chancel Choir, Jeffrey DeVault – piano

Do not shout at one who cries for silence, do not burden one who cries for rest,  
Do not sing to one who has no song, so not eat near one who cries in hunger,  
Do not hurry one who longs for peace.

Rather, love, love as Christ would love. See each need, and love as Christ would love.  
Do not shout at one who cries for silence, only love, love as Christ would love.

Do not laugh near one who cries in sorrow, do not hinder one who longs to learn,  
Do not boast while one still bows in failure, do not run past one who longs to walk.

Rather, love, love as Christ would love. See each need and love as Christ would love.  
Do not shout at one who cries for silence, only love, love as Christ would love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

\*HYMN NO. 317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

\*BENEDICTION AND PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

POSTLUDE

*If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

J. S. Bach

Jeffrey DeVault – organ

*You are invited to exit quietly or remain seated during the postlude to enjoy a last moment of worship.*

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**Welcome! Thank you for joining us today.** Our Sanctuary is open for in-person worship each Sunday at 10:00am; doors open at 9:40am. We have recently updated our COVID guidelines on masking (optional), social distancing (optional but encouraged), and contact tracing (information no longer collected). For those who are not yet ready or able to attend our service in person, a live-streamed/recorded option is available on our website, [www.concordpc.org](http://www.concordpc.org).

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God by Marj Johnson in honor of the people of Ukraine.

**Assisting in the service of worship are:**

**Deacon-in-Charge:** Don Potter

**Liturgist:** Bettye Shirar

**Greeter:** John Barineau

**Livestream Team:** Bob Brown, Carol Haas, Alan Jewett, Melanie Slezak

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**Mug & Muffin – Weds. @ 10:00am via Zoom:** Our weekly Mug & Muffin Bible study meets again Wed., May 18 from 10:00-11:00am, led by Pastor Steve Clark. To join the Zoom gathering online, click on [this link](#).

Children & youth participants should sit with their families in worship, then join us in the Art Room (F205) after the Children's Sermon for **Bible stories** and **fun activities!** Parents may attend J.A.M. with their children or remain in the regular worship service in the Sanctuary.

**J.A.M. Session**



**(Jesus and Me!)**



**Chancel Flowers:** Donating the flower arrangement for the front of the Sanctuary is a lovely way to honor or remember a family member or commemorate a special occasion. Several Sundays in June are still available. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office (302-654-9652, [margaret.oboyle@concordpc.org](mailto:margaret.oboyle@concordpc.org)).

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