

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas
Online Worship
May 2, 2021

PRELUDE "What a Friend" – arr. Jack Schrader Adam Peithmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kevin Pleas

INTROIT "Weave" (#495)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: In our anguish we cried to the Lord and he answered by setting us free.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: He will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone;

People: **The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but has risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present or yet to come can separate us from your great love, made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #17 "O Worship the King"

PASTORAL PRAYER Barbara Papagian

TIME OF SILENCE

OUR 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 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (#305)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Arise, My Soul, Arise” – Dan Forrest

FCC Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Tom Irving

Jeremiah 32: 6-15 (New Revised Standard Version)

Jeremiah said, “The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.’ Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.’ Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.”

“And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.”

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“Acts of Faith”

Rev. Kevin Pleas

HYMN # 576

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION (Unison)

**May the love of the cross,
The power of the resurrection,
And the presence of the Living Lord,
Be with you always.
And the blessing of the Eternal God,
Creator and Sustainer,
Risen Lord and Savior,
Giver of holiness and love,
Be upon you now and evermore.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“The Emperor’s Fanfare” – Antonio Soler/arr. E. Power Biggs

Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.

Introit
Hymn no. 495

“Weave”

Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together in unity and love. Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together, together in love.

Opening Hymn no. 17

“O Worship the King”

1. O worship the King, all glorious above, and gratefully sing God’s wonderful love, our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned and girded with praise.
2. How great is your might! How steadfast your grace! Your robe is the light; your canopy, space; your chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form, in majesty riding the wings of the storm.
3. The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has founded of old, established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.
4. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail; in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to be end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend!

Prayer Response
Hymn no. 305

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

Musical Offering

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears: The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears: Before the throne, my surety stands. My name is written on His hands. Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary, They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me: "Forgive him, O, forgive" they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die." My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear; He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear; with confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father, Abba, Father," cry. Arise, my soul, arise!

Closing Hymn no. 576

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; oh, let me from this day be wholly thine.
2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.
3. While life’s dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow’s tears away; nor let me ever stray from thee aside.