

Worship Service ~ May 18, 2025, 9:00

Fifth Sunday of Easter

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Laurie Olson
in memory of Rich Olson's Birthday.

PRELUDE *"Show Us Christ"* words and music by Doug Plank and
Bob Kauflin

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY BAPTISM OF NASH TILTON

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG *HERE I AM TO WORSHIP*

Words and Music by Tim Hughes

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INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

~Silence for Reflection~

L: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive 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.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

R: A reading from Acts 11.

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HALLE, HALLE, HALLE

R: A Gospel reading from the 13th chapter of John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Deacon Kari Olson, Shobi's Table

SONG OF THE DAY

ACS #1062 *BUILD A LONGER TABLE* stz 1, 2



MUSICAL OFFERING "*The Journey Home*" by Paul McKlveen; Bells of Faith; Dean Jensen, director (GIA publishing)

*You can give online by scanning the QR code.
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the exits or placed in the offering plate. Thank you!*

OFFERTORY

ELW #184 *LET THE VINEYARDS*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: Let us give our thanks and praise to God!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive communion.*

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COMMUNION MUSIC "*This is Love*" by Jack Schrader; Faith Choir; Alan Ball, piano; Linda Burk, director

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor, + and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ELW #836 *JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE*
stz 1, 2

SABBATICAL SENDING

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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