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May 3, 2026

9:45 AM

5th Sunday of Easter
Camping Sunday

Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy in the side narthex! Additionally, after the children's message, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WORDS OF WELCOME
JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

Climb Up Sunshine Mountain

by Fosset

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather like travelers around a fire—

C: drawn together by warmth, by light, by story.

L: We remember the forests, the fields, the quiet waters—

C: places where God's voice feels close enough to touch.

L: But we also remember—

C: God meets us not only in beauty, but in one another.

L: Jesus knelt with a towel and a basin—

C: and called even the dust beneath our feet holy.

L: So come—

C: let us worship the God of starry skies and servant hearts.

L: I invite you to stand as comfortable as we join in song to praise our God.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Shine Jesus Shine

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♩ = 80
Refrain

Piano

Shine, Jesus, shine, ___ fill this land with the Father's glo-ry, blaze, Spirit, blaze, ___ set our
 hearts on fire; flow, riv-er, flow, ___ flood the na - tions with grace and mercy,
 send forth your word, ___ Lord, and let there be light. **Fine**
 1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing
 2. Lord, I come to your awe-some pres - ence
 3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness,
 in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,
 from the shad - ows in - to your radi - ance; by the blood I may en - ter your bright-ness,
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
 set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.
 search me, try me, con - sume all my dark-ness. Shine on me, shine on me.
 mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry. Shine on me, shine on me.

DC. al Fine

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

P: Friends, think of when you have camped—or what you know of camp if you are more of an indoor person (hey, we see you and love you too). In my experience—there is a lot of trail walking at camp—and when you've been walking all day, dust gathers. Life is like that too. We carry things—missteps, missed chances to love—that cling to us over time.

But in John's Gospel, Jesus kneels without hesitation to clean away the dirt of our lives. So let us come honestly before God, trusting in the One who washes and restores. So together, let us confess before God the dust that sin has left in this life's journey.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Loving God,

C: You have given us a world full of wonder—and people full of dignity. But we confess, we are better at admiring sunsets than kneeling in service.

We cherish mountaintop moments, but resist the quiet, humbling work of love. We overlook the holy in the ordinary—dusty feet, tired hearts, everyday needs. Forgive us. Teach us again that the ground is sacred wherever love is practiced. In Christ, who kneels before us, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: Hear this good news: Jesus does not wait for us to climb higher or wander farther to find what is holy. He comes close. He kneels low. He loves first. As such, this day it is my joy to proclaim to you that you are forgiven, we all are forgiven. Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ you are already met by grace. You are already made new. Thanks be to God.

*ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2026 FWS

Halle, Halle, Halleluja

**Halle halle hallelujah, Halle halle hallelujah, Halle halle hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah!**

**I am the resurrection live in me. I am the way the truth, follow me.
I am the resurrection live in me. Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**Halle halle hallelujah, Halle halle hallelujah, Halle halle hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelu**

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Peter Scholtes

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the
 2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in
 3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by
 4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things

5
 Lord, we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, and we
 hand, we will walk with each oth-er we will walk hand in hand, and to -
 side, we will work with each oth-er we will work side by side, and we'll
 come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's on - ly Son, and all

10
 pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored: and they'll
 - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 guard hu-man dig - ni - ty and save hu-man pride:
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

14
 know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are

19
 Christians by our love. _____

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

Every Day is a Gift From the Lord

TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

by Smith

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Generous God,

C: you have given us so much—the beauty of creation, the gift of community, and the call to love one another. Receive these gifts we offer today. Use them to bring warmth where there is need, care where there is hurt, and hope where it feels dim. May what we share become part of your work in the world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF THANKSGIVING

REMEMBERING CHRIST'S STORY

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMN NCH NO. 330 (black hymnal, see next page)

Let Us Break Bread Together

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Let Us Break Bread Together

John Johnson

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Piano

$\text{♩} = 80$



1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; let us
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; let us
3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; let us

6



break bread to - geth - er on our knees. When I fall on my
drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

11



knees, with my face to the rising sun, my God, have mercy on

16



me.

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***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

L: Gracious God,

C: in this meal you have met us—not from afar, but up close. You have fed us with your grace and reminded us who we are: a people called to love and to serve.

Send us now into the world to share what we have received—to offer care, to walk alongside others, and to recognize the sacred in every step of the journey. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 524 NCH** (black hymnal, see next page)

This Little Light of Mine

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

This Little Light of Mine

♩ = 140

Piano

1. This little light of mine,
 2. Ev-ry - where I go,
 3. All through the night,

I'm gon-na let it shine.
 I'm gon-na let it shine.
 I'm gon-na let it shine.

I am gonna let it,

This little light of mine,
 Ev-ry - where I go,
 All through the night,

I'm gon-na let it shine.
 I'm gon-na let it shine.
 I'm gon-na let it shine.

let it shine,

This little light of mine,
 Ev-ry - where I go,
 All through the night,

I'm gon-na let it shine,
 I'm gon-na let it shine,
 I'm gon-na let it shine,

let it shine,
 let it shine,
 let it shine,

Hallelujah

let it shine,
 let it shine,
 let it shine,

let it shine!
 let it shine!
 let it shine.

Oh let it shine.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***BENEDICTION**

P: Go now, as travelers on sacred ground—whether beneath open skies or along the ordinary paths of your week. Where there is beauty, give thanks. Where there is need, draw near. Where there is brokenness, do not turn away.

And may the God who meets you in every place go with you, guide you, and keep you in His love. Amen.

POSTLUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

by Shaw

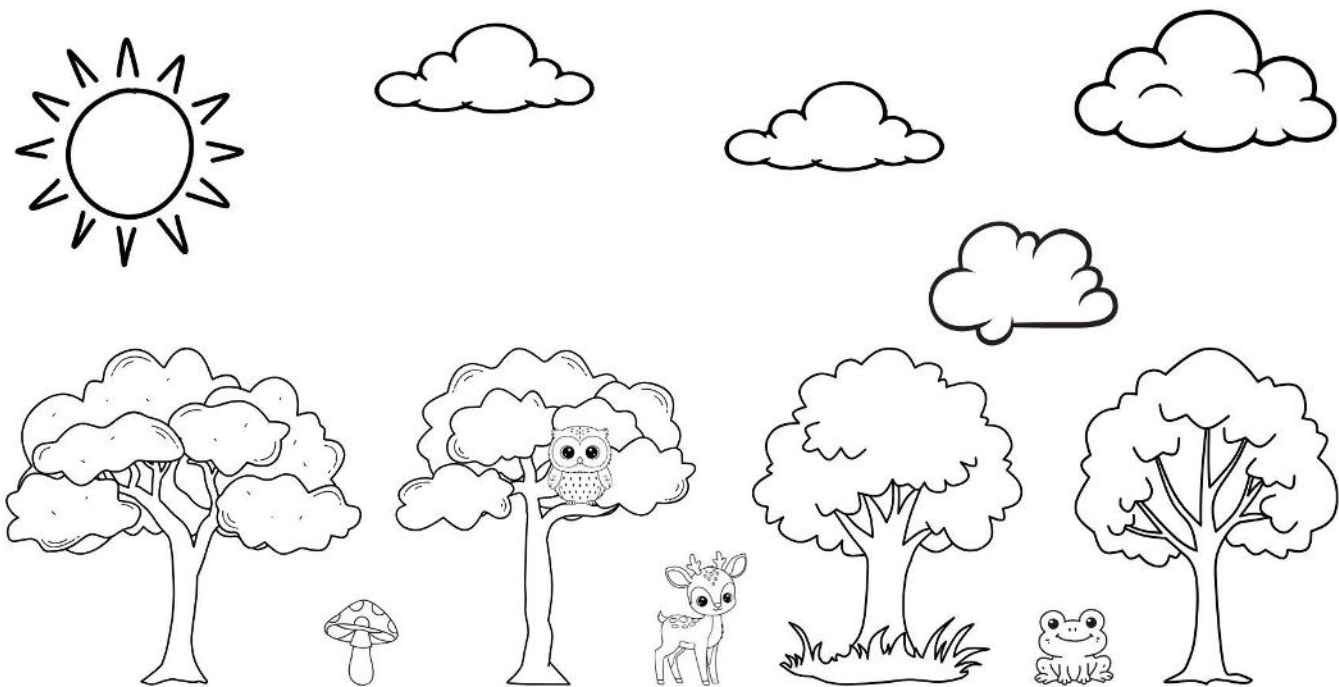
Thank you to Kelsey Tomlinson for sharing our children's message and our sermon today. Thank you to the worship choir for enhancing the service with their talents this morning.

Welcome Team Members— Rick & Cindy Hogentogler

Liturgist— Connie Wolfe

Tech Team— Louis Allison, George DeMers, John Kollasch

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