

Living the Resurrection  
Sunday, May 5, 2024  
Ascension Sunday

Welcome

Mission & Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Happy birthday to you,  
to Jesus be true,  
May God's gracious blessings  
rest always with you.

Announcements

Centring Music All Creatures of Our God and King     *John Purifoy*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn     **Come All You People** (More Voices 2)

*Words: Alexander Gondo, Zimbabwe; English Paraphrase: I-to Loh  
Music: Alexander Gondo, Zimbabwe, notated by I-to Loh; Arrangement: John L. Bell, 1995  
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1. Come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker,  
come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker,  
come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker,  
come now and worship the Lord.
2. Come all you people,  
come and sing your praises,  
come all you people,  
come and sing your praises,  
come all you people,  
come and sing your praises,  
come now and worship the Lord.

3. Come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker,  
come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker,  
come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker,  
come now and worship the Lord.

Morning Prayer

Anthem     When We Worship God Through Music  
*Words by Carlton Buck; Music by Eugene Butler*

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Readings

Psalm 98  
Luke 24:44-53

Reflection     "Singing A New Song"

Hymn of the Day     **We Have This Ministry** (Voices United 510)

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- 1 We have this ministry  
and we are not discouraged;  
it is by God's own power  
that we may live and serve.  
Openly we share God's word,  
speaking truth as we believe,  
praying that the shadowed world  
may healing light receive.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.

2 O Christ, the tree of life,  
our end and our beginning,  
we grow to fullest flower  
when rooted in your love.  
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,  
called to service by your grace,  
different cultures, different gifts,  
the young and old a place.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.

3 The yoke of Christ is ours,  
the whole world is our parish;  
we daily take the cross,  
the burden and the joy.  
Bearing hurts of those we serve,  
wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,  
Holy Spirit, bread and wine,  
we die and rise again.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.

### Invitation to Offering

Choral Response *Please stand in body or spirit.*

#### **Give Thanks**

*Henry Smith CCLI # 20235*

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.

### Offering Prayer

### Joys and Concerns

## Pastoral Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

### Parting Hymn **May the God of Hope Go with Us** (Voices United 424)

*Words: v. 1 Alvin Schutmaat 1984; Words: v. 2 Fred Kaan*

*Music: Argentine folk melody*

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1 May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

*Refrain:* Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed. *Refrain*

### Benediction

### Postlude

Worship Leaders – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leader – Sharon Prindle Collins  
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey  
Morning Prayer – Ron Childs  
Spirit Kids – Moira Dennis and Marcia Goodwin  
Scripture Reading – Peggy Dayton  
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Stephen Godfrey  
Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Louise Johnston  
Fellowship Time – Andy and the Queen's of Caffeine  
Flowers for the service are offered by Margaret Chambers  
in celebration of the life of her husband, David.