



"This is the day the Lord  
has made, let us rejoice  
and be glad in it"

Psalms 118:24

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~ Fifth Sunday of Easter/Communion Sunday ~

10am Worship

## We Celebrate the Good News

### The Gathering of God's People

Time to speak with each other

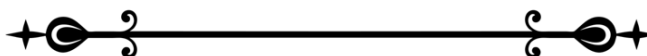
### Greeting

"He is Risen..."

**He is Risen Indeed!"**



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## Prelude



## The Call to Worship

Pam Kara / Congregation

Psalms 16

L: Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**P: I said to the Lord, "Apart from you I have no good thing."**

L: Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup. You have made my lot secure.

**P: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure.**

L: You have made known to me the path of life.

**P: You fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Amen.**



Gathering Hymn:

"Come Christians Join to Sing"

#108

# The Welcoming Prayer/God's Greeting

*Rev. Jack Branford*

## The Call to Confession

*Pam Kara*

## Prayer of Confession

God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, and fantasies, and crushed when they disappoint us, we are slow to see the open pathways you set before us. Open our eyes, that we may accept the new life you offer us, and show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

*Pam Kara*

## The Law

*Pam Kara*



**"Glory Be to the Father"**

## Anthem



*We Proclaim the Good News*

Prayer of Illumination

## Scripture

Galatians 3: 26-29

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Sermon Hymn: "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" #112**

The Message  
“That They May Be One”  
Rev. Jack Branford



*We Respond to the Good News*

*(Please print your prayer request on the blue card in the pew rack and deposit in offering plate.)*

The Offering



The Doxology: “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

The Offertory Prayer

**Living Christ, your earthly ministry was full of struggle as well as joy; yet you were faithful in following God’s will. You are present with us in all of our struggles and joy as well. Breathe your Spirit into our lives, that we would never lose our gratitude for all that you have done for us, or fall back from faithful discipleship. It is in your name that we pray, Amen.**



The Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

*All who have been baptized, and who believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior, are welcome to this table, regardless of church membership or affiliation.*

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy**

**Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

L: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**P: They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.**

L: According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

**P: Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.**

L: This is the Lord's table.

**P: Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.**

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you that in your love, you created for us a wonderful world. You made it a place of peace for the whole of your creation; you filled it with everything your people need. You made us in your image, to follow your way, and to live in right relationship with you and with each other. And from the beginning, you saved us! Even when we gave up on your way of peace and justice, yours is a love that never gave up on us. And so you sent your greatest gift, the gift of your only Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



**Communion Hymn: "In Remembrance" (See Printed Hymn)**

## Words of Institution

The Breaking of the Bread  
The Blessing of the Cup

### Prayer After Communion

O God, through this bread and this cup, you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

#### The 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.



**Sending Hymn: "Christ is Alive" #243**

### Benediction

### Postlude



Communion Servers: Jan Foster (Preparer), David Grammerstorf, Jerry Carey, Roger Eddy  
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