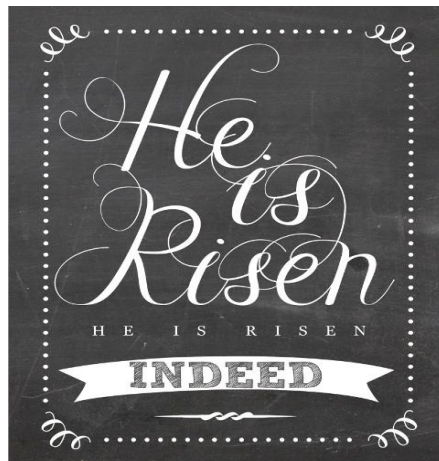


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WELCOME YOU TO THE DIVINE SERVICE!

THE 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 5, 2024 – 10:40 A.M.



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***Our vision:*** All people will know God personally through Jesus Christ.

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Psalm 139:23—Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

Luke 19:10—For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Matthew 4:19—“Come, follow Me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

## *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**May 5, 2024 - 10:40 a.m.**

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***Welcome! We're glad you're here....***

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**OUR INVITATION:** Our family of faith invites you to participate in our mission to share the Gospel (which means “good news”) of Jesus Christ, as we gather to hear the word of God and share the presence of Christ in Holy Communion and Christian fellowship. The Gospel is that Almighty God is for us and with us, and we know this with certainty through Jesus Christ. With your participation, our God-given mission to spread this good news to the world and the surrounding community can only be strengthened. Our pastor and members are here for you!

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### **Sunday School Classes and Rooms (all classes meet at 9:20 a.m.):**

**Jesus's Questions in The Gospel of John**, Led by Pastor Chris in the Luther Room

**Oasis** with Martha Green & Maizie Nelson, in the Luther Room foyer.

**The Life of Christ**, Led by Tim Champion, in Fellowship 2.

**Children's Sunday Education** - NURSERY IS available for infants & children 3 years of age during each worship service, and education time. Following are where everyone will meet:

Nursery (infant - 3 yrs old) ~ Main bldg Nursery

3K & K ~ John Room

1st – 3rd grade ~ Matthew & Mark Room

4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade ~ Disciple Room

Jr. High ~ Jr High Room

Sr. High ~ Youth Room

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS NOTES:** *This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*

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### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

PASTOR: Christ is risen!

**Congregation: He is risen indeed!**

PASTOR: Christ is alive!

**Congregation: He is alive indeed!**

PASTOR: Christ is with us!

**Congregation: He is with us indeed!**

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### **CALL TO WORSHIP & MAY MEMORY VERSE:**

*“Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.” -- Ephesians 6:1*

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### **“Holy Is the Lord”**

*Verse 1* We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now. How great, how awesome is He.

*Pre-Chorus* And together we sing, ev'ryone sing.

*Chorus* Holy is the Lord God Almighty. The earth is filled with His glory.  
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The earth is filled with His glory.

*Bridge* It is rising up all around. It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.  
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*Pre-Chorus* And together we sing, ev'ryone sing.

*Chorus* Holy is the Lord God Almighty. The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty. The earth is filled with His glory.  
The earth is filled with His glory. The earth is filled with His glory.

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**THE APOSTOLIC GREETING:** P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

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**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *(Spoken by all)* **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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**CHILDREN’S TIME:** Trust and follow Jesus. He gives you power, love, and self-control.

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### **♪ PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “Love One Another”**

*Verse 1* A new command I give to you, love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another.  
By this they will know that you follow me,

*Chorus 1* If you love, love one another. If you love, love one another.

*Verse 2* A new command I give to you, love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another.  
By this they will know that you follow me,

*Chorus 2* If you love, love one another. If you love, love one another. You gotta la, la, la, la, la, la, love one another! You gotta la, la, la, la, la, la, love one another!

*Bridge* By this they will know that you follow me, You follow me, you follow me, **(repeat Chorus 2)**

*Ending* A new command I give to you.

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## THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:44-48

**The Introduction:** *While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

### The Reading:

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. <sup>45</sup> All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. <sup>46</sup> For they were hearing them speaking

with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered, <sup>47</sup> "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?" <sup>48</sup> And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

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*(Lector: "This is the word of the Lord!" then, **all, "Thanks be to God!"**)*

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## THE PSALM: Psalm 98

*(Congregation has verses in **bold**)*

**The Introduction:** *Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands.*

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**<sup>2</sup> O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**<sup>4</sup> Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

**<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

**<sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

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*(Lector: "This is the word of the Lord!" then, **all, "Thanks be to God!"**)*

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## ♪ THE GOSPEL VERSE: "Jesus Messiah"

Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus, Messiah, the Lord of all!

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

**The Introduction:** *On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

**The Gospel:**

<sup>9</sup> Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

<sup>12</sup> "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are

My friends if you do what I command you.

<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. <sup>17</sup> This I command you, that you love one another.

*(Lector: This is the word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God!)*

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**THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND SERMON:**

*"The Love of Fruit and The Fruit of Love"*

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**"You Are So Good To Me"**

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| <i>Chorus</i>  | You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet song. You are beautiful, my sweet sweet song.<br>You are beautiful, my sweet sweet song. I will sing again.                                         |
| <i>Verse 1</i> | You are so good to me. You heal my broken heart. You are my Father in heaven.<br>You are so good to me. You heal my broken heart. You are my Father in heaven.                         |
| <i>Chorus</i>  | You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet song. You are beautiful, my sweet sweet song.<br>You are beautiful, my sweet sweet song. I will sing again.                                         |
| <i>Verse 2</i> | You ride upon the clouds. You lead me to the truth. You are the Spirit inside me.<br>You ride upon the clouds. You lead me to the truth. You are the Spirit inside me.                 |
| <i>Chorus</i>  | You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet song. You are beautiful, my sweet sweet song.<br>You are beautiful, my sweet sweet song. I will sing again.                                         |
| <i>Bridge</i>  | You are my strong melody. You are my dancing rhythm.<br>You are my perfect rhyme, and I will sing of You forever.                                                                      |
| <i>Verse 3</i> | You poured out all Your blood. You died upon the cross.<br>You are my Jesus who loves me.<br>You poured out all Your blood. You died upon the cross.<br>You are my Jesus who loves me. |
| <i>Chorus</i>  | You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet song. You are beautiful, my sweet sweet song.<br>You are beautiful, my sweet sweet song. I will sing again.                                         |
| <i>Ending</i>  | You are my Father in heaven. You are the Spirit inside me.<br>You are my Jesus who loves me.                                                                                           |

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**THE NICENE CREED:**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

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### SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE:

*Greetings celebrate God bringing us peace together with Himself through Christ.*

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### MINUTE FOR MISSION:

**& GIVING THANKS** to God with His tithes (*first 10% income*) & our offerings (*beyond 10%*).

*Our Mercy Ministry basket today supports Oak Mountain Missions*

*Prayer requests can be written on prayer cards and turned in here and/or sent to [office@ctkbham.org](mailto:office@ctkbham.org).*

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### ♪ OFFERTORY VERSE: "Glorious Day"

Living, He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried, He carried my sins far away. Rising,  
He justified freely forever. One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day. Glorious day,  
O glorious day

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### THE OFFERING OF PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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## CELEBRATING & SHARING CHRIST'S PROMISED PRESENCE IN HOLY COMMUNION:

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### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen

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### HOLY COMMUNION

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### THE BLESSING, PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

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#### "You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

*Verse 1* I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me, Because You died and rose again.  
(repeat Verse 1)

*Chorus* Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; and it's my joy to honor You. In all I do, I honor You.

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Amazing love, I know it's true; and it's my joy to honor You. In all I do, I honor You.

*Bridge* You are my King, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

*Chorus* Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; and it's my joy to honor You.  
Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; and it's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do, I honor You. In all I do, I honor You.

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### THE DISMISSAL:

**P:** In the strength of Christ, let's go in peace; and serve the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

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### Praise Team Postlude: "You Are My King (Amazing Love) - Reprise"

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*The altar flowers are available for sponsors & the eternal candle is sponsored by Eric & Amy Hoaglund in memory of Aileen Hyde.*

*If you'd like to sponsor altar flowers or candle, please sign up outside the library door or contact the church office.*

### THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S (5/12) WORSHIP:

**Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; John 17:6-19**

### THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S WORSHIP:

#### 1 John 5:9-13

9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. 10 The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he

has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. 11 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

#### Disciplemaker's Prayer

*from Deut. 6:1-9; Mark 3:13-14; 12:30-31; Matt. 28:18-20; John 17:20; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 4:16-17*

Heavenly Father, Thank you for giving me a discipling way of life in Christ Jesus. **As I go through every part of this day, help me to love you and love the people who cross my path -- starting with my family.** Don't let me miss the adventures you are sending my way to live or the exciting opportunities to speak the Good News about Jesus today. Draw my heart to you and to specific people you want me to pull close for Jesus-like discipling friendships. By your Word and Spirit, transform me into a follower of Jesus who loves you, loves people, and makes disciples who make more disciples, ad infinitum. In Jesus' name, Amen.