

The liturgical color is white for the 5th Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

“Beautiful Savior”
Amy Bender, organist

Dale Wood

WELCOME

Adrienne Larkin, liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us imagine with God—a world where old wounds do not have the final word.

We come longing for new heavens and a new earth.

Imagine a world where tears are dried, where sorrow gives way to joy,
where lives are built, planted, and made secure.

We come to worship the One who makes all things new.

Imagine streets where children laugh without fear, where justice and peace embrace,
where no one hurts or destroys.

We come to seek the hope God is bringing to birth.

Hear the promise of God: “I am about to create...” “See, I am making all things new.”

We trust the God of promise and possibility.

Come, let us worship the Alpha and the Omega, the One who leads us from harm to hope.

With open hearts, we worship the God of new creation!

*OPENING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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Hymn History: The words to this hymn are from the original Charles Wesley hymn of 1747. The version we sing today is based on the music of John Zundel, who wrote the hymn “Beecher,” and used Wesley’s words for the hymn. John Zundel was an accomplished composer, arranger, organist, and teacher. He was born in Germany in 1815. In addition to playing the organ, Zundel studied organ building with Eberhard Friedrich Walcker. Zundel performed the first organ concert on Russian soil in St. Petersburg in 1840. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1847 and eventually became the church organist at the Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, New York. The pastor there was the famous preacher Henry Ward Beecher. Zundel’s hymn is named for him. Zundel moved back to Germany in 1878 and died in 1882.

Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:1-6 NIV, p. 878

ANTHEM

“A New Jerusalem Arise”
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

Kyle Pederson

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass it on.

OFFERTORY

“The Ground”

Ola Gjeilo

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.

Heaven and earth are filled with Thy glory.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.

Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world,

Dona nobis pacem.

Grant us peace.

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF CENTERING

“O Come and Dwell in Me” vs. 1 & 2

UMH 388

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65:17-25 NIV, p. 532

MESSAGE

“From Harm to Hope: Imagine”
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

HOLY COMMUNION

Sung Liturgy TFWS 2257

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. Amen.**

All are invited to receive communion

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Have all been fed?

People: Not yet.

**Congregation is invited to stand or remain seated*

*HYMN OF MISSION

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

UMH 510

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Prelude in B-flat Major"

J. S. Bach

Liturgy and prayers written by Pastor Steve with assistance from ChatGPT

Altar Flowers are presented by Mike, Jake, Ruthie, and Louie Cosmo
 In Loving Memory of Our Parents,
 E.R. Bucklew's Birthday
To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485

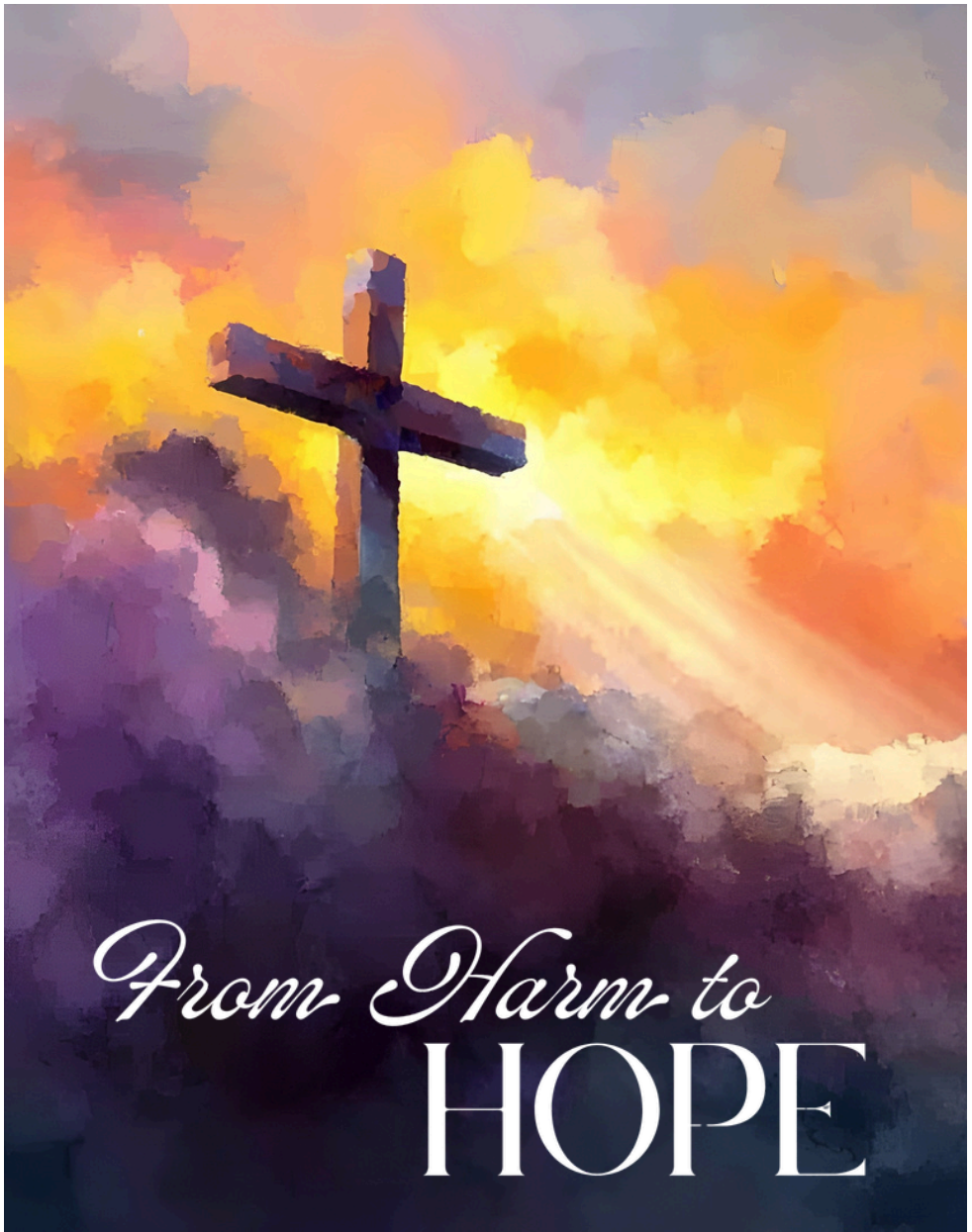
"During a sermon about how God doesn't abandon us I had the inspiration for this sketch. I was feeling separated and lonely at the time. The idea that Jesus is always nearby we need to look up and around and we'll find Him close, popped in my head. So even if we feel separated, frightened, and surrounded by hardship we should look up and keep our eyes on Jesus. He is our hope and savior we just need to allow Him in."

-Kim, the artist



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Traditional Worship | May 3, 2026



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UPCOMING

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- Youth Sunday School, 9 AM
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