

Worship Script
May 7, 2023, 8:15am
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME AND GREETING

INVOCATION and PSALM (146) OF THE DAY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Praise the Lord! Let all that I am praise the Lord!

C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath.

P: Don't put your confidence in powerful people. When they breathe their last, they return to the earth, and all their plans die with them.

C: Joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

P: He made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. He keeps every promise forever.

C: He gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry. The Lord frees the prisoners.

P: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down. The Lord loves the godly.

C: The Lord protects the foreigners among us. He cares for the orphans and widows, but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

P: The Lord will reign forever.

C: He will be our God throughout the generations. Praise the Lord!

OPENING SONG

“Evidence”

**All throughout my histo - ry
Your faithful - ness has walked be - side me
The winter storms made way for spring
In ev-'ry sea-son, from where I'm standing**

**I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life**

Help me remember when I'm weak
Fear may come but fear will leave
You lead my heart to victory
You are my strength and You always will be

I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life

I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life

See the cross, the empty grave
The evidence is end - less
All my sin rolled away because of You
Oh, Je - sus

See the cross, the empty grave
The evidence is end - less
All my sin rolled away because of You
Oh, Je - sus

Why should I fear? The evidence is here
Band out just voices and pad
Why should I fear? Oh, the evidence is here

Song Select#7147432

CCLI #549168

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have One who speaks to the Father in our defense-- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

P: We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands.

C: The man who says, "I know Him," but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

P: But if anyone obeys His Word, God's love is truly made complete in him. [1 John 2:1-5]

C: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." [Ps 139:23-24]

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C; Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and then raised Him from the dead. For His sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Lord, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of God the Father, God the † Son and God the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thank you Lord Jesus for showing us the Way, for being the Truth, and for letting us see You as the Light.

SONG

"Cornerstone"

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Je - sus' Name**

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Je - sus' Name**

**Christ a - lone, corner - stone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all**

**When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil**

**Christ a -lone, corner - stone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all**

**Christ a -lone, corner - stone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteous - ness alone
Faultless stand before the throne**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteous - ness alone
Faultless stand before the throne**

Song Select # 6158927
CCLI #549168

EPISTLE 1 Peter 2: 2 – 10 (*We are a chosen race, a holy nation*)

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 14: 1 – 14 (*Jesus, the Way, Truth, and Life*)

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: (*Sing*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*Sing*). **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

APOSTLE’S 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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON “When There’s Worry or Doubt....Home Sweet Home” John 14:1-6
(Sermon outline is found on the back page of today’s bulletin)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC “My God Is Still The Same”

**Just ask the waves If they are stilled at the mention of His name
They’ll say my God is still the same
Ask the walls If they still fall at the mighty sound of praise
They’ll say my God is still the same**

**When did He break His promise When did His kindness fail
Never has never will My God is still the same
When did He lose His power When did His mercy change
Never has never will My God is still the same yeah
My God is still the same**

**Just ask the words You prayed in desperation if they’re heard
They’ll say my God is still the same
Ask the grave If it’s strong enough to keep hope in its chains
It’ll say God is still the same yeah**

**When did He break His promise When did His kindness fail
Never has never will My God is still the same
When did He lose His power When did His mercy change
Never has never will My God is still the same yeah**

**Not once did He ever stop mov-ing Not once has He ever let go
Not once did He ever stop pro-ving Our God is in control
Not once did He ever stop mov-ing Not once has He ever let go
Not once did He ever stop pro-ving Our God is in control**

**When did He break His promise When did His kindness fail
Never has never will My God is still the same
When did He lose His power When did His mercy change
Never has never will My God is still the same yeah**

**Not once did He ever stop moving Not once has He ever let go
Not once did He ever stop pro-ving Our God is in control
Not once did He ever stop moving Not once has He ever let go
Never has never will My God is still the same**

My God is still the same

My God is still the same

Song Select# 7175474

CCLI #549168

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

“Build My Life”

**Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You We live for You**

**Jesus the name a - bove ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You**

**Holy there is no one like You
There is none be - side You open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are and fill me
With Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me**

**Jesus the name a - bove ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You**

**Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are and fill me
With Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me**

**I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken**

**I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken**

**Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are and fill me
With Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me**

**I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken**

Song Select 7070345
CCLI #549168