



# Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**May 15, 2022**

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## **Call to worship** *(Psalm 148:11-13)*

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;

**his glory is above earth and heaven.**

## **Call to confession**

The chaos of our world confuses us and leads us astray.  
Let us return to the clarity God can provide through our  
prayer of confession.

## **Prayer of confession**

Eternal God, we dissociate from parts of your creation and  
falsely separate into clean and unclean. You call us to love  
one another and make more space at the table of belonging.  
Forgive our exclusion and judgment. Cleanse us of the sin  
that distorts your truth. Amen.

## **Assurance of pardon**

We are a part of God's transformed creation. God is among  
us making all things new. Claim this grace. Know God's  
forgiveness. Rise with Christ to a life made new. Amen.

## **Prayer for illumination**

Guide us into your word, God our helper, that we might hear  
the message you intend for us today. Amen.





## **Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer**

O God, our Alpha and Omega, you accompany us on our journey, you are with us from beginning to end. As we pause today to ponder your grace and the sustenance of your Spirit, we also petition you on behalf of the world and the world's needs. In your mercy, Beloved God, hear the prayers of your people.

Holy One, you make your home among us mortals, you dwell with us and know our pain. We read of John's vision in revelation and pray for the day when you will wipe the tears from our eyes, when mourning and death will be no more. Our souls cry out to you, Great God of Comfort, our fear stakes its claim in our hearts as wars rage and storms destroy and we argue over the best course to take in all the chaos and confusion. Calm these turbulent seas, God of all creation. Restore us to peace and calm.

You are at work among us, you who hear our pleas. You are making all things new. Your Word is trustworthy and true, yet we are impatient in our need. Redeem this world, we pray. Answer the groans of your creation. Hold evil at bay, dam the rising seas, and plant our feet on dry ground. May the rumbles of unrest be steadied by your strong and faithful hand.

In your mercy, Beloved God, hear the prayers of your people. We commit our lives to you.

Now, as the body of Christ, we pray as Christ taught us,  
**"Our Father ..."**



## **Charge and benediction**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Live into the hope of Christ's resurrection!

Honor the God who redeems and renews!

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator,  
Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen.

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