



**April 28, 2024**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**

**GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*All Nature Sings*

Landon

*The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.*

**Call to Worship**

Tina Wilmoth

Let's remember why we're here.

**God has claimed us as family.**

Baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**we are daughters and sons of God forever.**

So let's remember why we're here.

**It's a family reunion.**

**Opening Prayer**

Tina Wilmoth

Jesus, our Savior, in response to your call to be your faithful disciples, we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Open our lives and teach us how to follow your great commission to make disciples of all nations, to baptize and teach them your ways.

Let us know the full blessings of our God—

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**Hymn**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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**Passing the Peace of Christ**

Tina Wilmoth

Children's Message

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

*A Living Sacrifice*

Choir

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Understanding

*All Praying*

Tina Wilmoth

**God, of steadfast love, show us your ways and teach us your paths. By your Holy Spirit, open our minds that we may be led in your truth and taught your will. Then may we praise you by listening to your word and by obeying it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

*Matthew 28: 16-20*

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<sup>16</sup>Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

\*Hymn

*Pass It On*

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Sermon

*"Now, Go!"*

Pastor Larry

\*Affirmation of Faith from 1st Timothy

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**There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify. This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.**

Morning Prayer

Pastor Larry

## **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.**

## **Offertory Invitation**

Tina Wilmoth

We give with joy into your Kingdom today. May you bless our offering. Come O Lord and work through these gifts Extend your love through us we pray! Amen.

## **Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

*Come Unto Me*

Rasley

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***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*

Tina Wilmoth

**Lord, bless these gifts that they may be used for ministries of compassion. Bless these people gathered here, bringing their gifts and their lives in service to you. For we offer ourselves and our gifts to you. AMEN.**

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

### **Hymn**

*Here I Am, Lord*

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### **Benediction**

Pastor Larry

### **Choral Benediction**

*He Lives*

*He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!*

*He walks with me and talks with me*

*Along life's narrow way.*

*He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!*

*You ask me how I know he lives?*

*He lives within my heart.*

***GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY***

*God of grace and God of glory,  
on the people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.*

*2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.*

*3 Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.*

## **PASS IT ON**

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;  
You spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.*

*What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding;  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.  
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.*

*I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found;  
You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound.  
I'll shout it from the mountaintop; I want my world to know;  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.*

## **HERE I AM, LORD**

*I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I have made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart  
I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
'Til their hearts be satisfied*

*I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart  
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