

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 5, 2026

“Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.” - Psalm 95 : 6-7

WELCOME—ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION *“Christ Our Hope”*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Revelation 5:6a, 8-9*

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain ... And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.”

WORSHIP IN SONG *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

“Christ the Lord is risen today”, all on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.
Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! our Sun's eclipse is o'er; lo! he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell:
Death in vain forbids his rise; Christ has opened Paradise.
Lives again our glorious King; where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once he died, our souls to save; where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to thee by both be given;
Thee we greet triumphant now; hail, the Resurrection thou!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we often fail to bow before him or acknowledge his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world, instead of giving him all glory. We need you to bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we are hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is head over all things to the church, which is his body. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Romans 8:38-39*

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WORSHIP IN SONG *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

NEW CITY CATECHISM *Question 14*

Did God create us unable to keep his law?

No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God's law.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

**We welcome all ages in worship! However, Room 5 is also equipped as a "Grace and Giggles Room" where a parent/guardian and children can watch the service and enjoy quiet activities. Our Nursery in Room 2 is available for children 3 and under.*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture: *Revelation 21:1-5*

Sermon: *“All Things New: New Cosmos” - David Story*

WORSHIP IN SONG *Beautiful*

I see Your face in ev'ry sunrise,
the colors of the morning are inside Your eyes.
The world awakens in the light of the day, I look up to the sky and say,
You're beautiful.

I see Your power in the moonlit night,
where planets are in motion and galaxies are bright.
We are amazed in the light of the stars, it's all proclaiming who You are,
You're beautiful. You're beautiful.

I see You there hanging on a tree,
You bled and then You died and then You rose again for me.
Now You are sitting on Your heavenly throne, soon we will be coming home,
You're beautiful.

*I see Your face, You're beautiful, You're beautiful, You're beautiful.
I see Your face, You're beautiful, You're beautiful, You're beautiful.*

When we arrive at eternity's shore,
where death is just a memory and tears are no more,
We'll enter in as the wedding bells ring,
Your bride will come together and we'll sing, You're beautiful.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Profession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

Partaking of the Elements: *Words of Institution*

WORSHIP IN SONG *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? “Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

BENEDICTION