

# Order of Worship

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
*Sunday, May 5, 2024 – 10:15 a.m.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“Where Charity and Love Prevail”*

ABIDING PRAISE

arr. Joshua Chai

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WELCOME

OPENING SONG

*“Your Love Awakens Me”*

There were walls between us.

By the cross You came and broke them down, You broke them down.

And there were chains around us.

By Your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive.

*Chorus:*

**Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.**

**Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.**

**Your love is greater. Your love is stronger. Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.**

Feel the darkness shaking. All the dead are coming back to life. I’m back to life.

Hear the song awaken. All creation singing, “we’re alive ‘Cause You’re alive!”

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive. *Chorus*

And what a love we’ve found. Death can’t hold us down.

We shout it out: We’re alive ‘cause You’re alive!

And what a love we’ve found. Death can’t hold us down.

We shout it out: We’re alive ‘cause You’re alive! *Repeat*

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.

Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me. *Repeat*

*Chorus:*

**Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.**

**Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.**

**Your love is greater. Your love is stronger. Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.**

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God,

All: **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. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

## THE FIRST READING

**ACTS 10:34-48**

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." <sup>44</sup> While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup> “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

## SONG

### *“Holy Spirit Come”*

We need You, we love You, we long for You.  
Come fill us with Your power, our hearts renew.  
Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done.

Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit move. We cry out to You, we cry out, Lord.  
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit move.  
We cry out to You, we cry out, Lord. Holy Spirit come.

We need You, we love You, we long for You.  
Come fill us with Your power, our hearts renew.  
Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done.

Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit move. We cry out to You, we cry out, Lord.  
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit move.  
We cry out to You, we cry out, Lord. Holy Spirit come.

Come and fill this place with Your glory, Jesus.  
Come and fill this place with Your power, Jesus.  
Come and fill this place with Your presence, Jesus.  
Come and fill this place, pour it out, Lord Jesus.

Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit move. We cry out to You, we cry out, Lord.  
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit move.  
We cry out to You, we cry out, Lord. Holy Spirit come.

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## THE EPISTLE READING

## 1 JOHN 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup> This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

*Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

## THE GOSPEL READING

JOHN 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup> [Jesus said:] "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SONG

### *"Love One Another"*

And Jesus said to them, "You shall love the Lord your God.  
Believe with all your heart, with all your soul and all your mind."  
This is the great and first commandment.

*Chorus:*

**"Receive a new commandment I give unto you,  
That you love one another: just as I have loved you.  
By this they'll know you're my disciples.**

**Receive a new commandment Believe it from the start  
That you love one another: Deep within your hearts  
And those who follow me will receive this new command  
By this they'll know you're my disciples."**

"If you abide in me, and if my words abide in you,  
Ask what you may wish, and then it will be done for you.  
By this you shall be my disciples." *Chorus*

You shall love the Lord Almighty, And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
You shall love the Lord Almighty, And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
You shall love the Lord Almighty, And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
You shall love the Lord Almighty, And your neighbor as yourself. *Chorus*

*"Love One Another"*

*John 15:9-17*

**APOSTLES 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 everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERING**

*At this time, you may give your offering electronically.*

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**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"At The Cross (Love Ran Red)"*

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies,  
there's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide;  
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*Chorus:*

**At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.  
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.  
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.  
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.**

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,  
where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness;  
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

**At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.  
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.  
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.  
I owe all to You, I owe all to You. *Chorus***

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

### THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

### CLOSING SONG

#### *"Build Your Kingdom Here"*

Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again.

Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls;

Holy Spirit, come, invade us now. We are Your church;

We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;

Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.

To see the captives' hearts released; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are Your church;

We pray, revive this earth.

*Chorus:*

**Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.**

**Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.**

**Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.**

**Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!**

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near the far.

No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this; Awake the kingdom seed in us.

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are Your church;

We are the hope on earth. *Chorus*

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## POSTLUDE

## *Flower Arrangements*

The flower arrangements which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord by **Heidi** and **Bruce Wolfson** in celebration of their daughter, **Elizabeth's** graduation from college.

## *Keep in Your Prayers*

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams

Alexander Hernandez

Brad Morton

Terri Green

Jeanne Kelly

Don Vick

Karen Whelpley