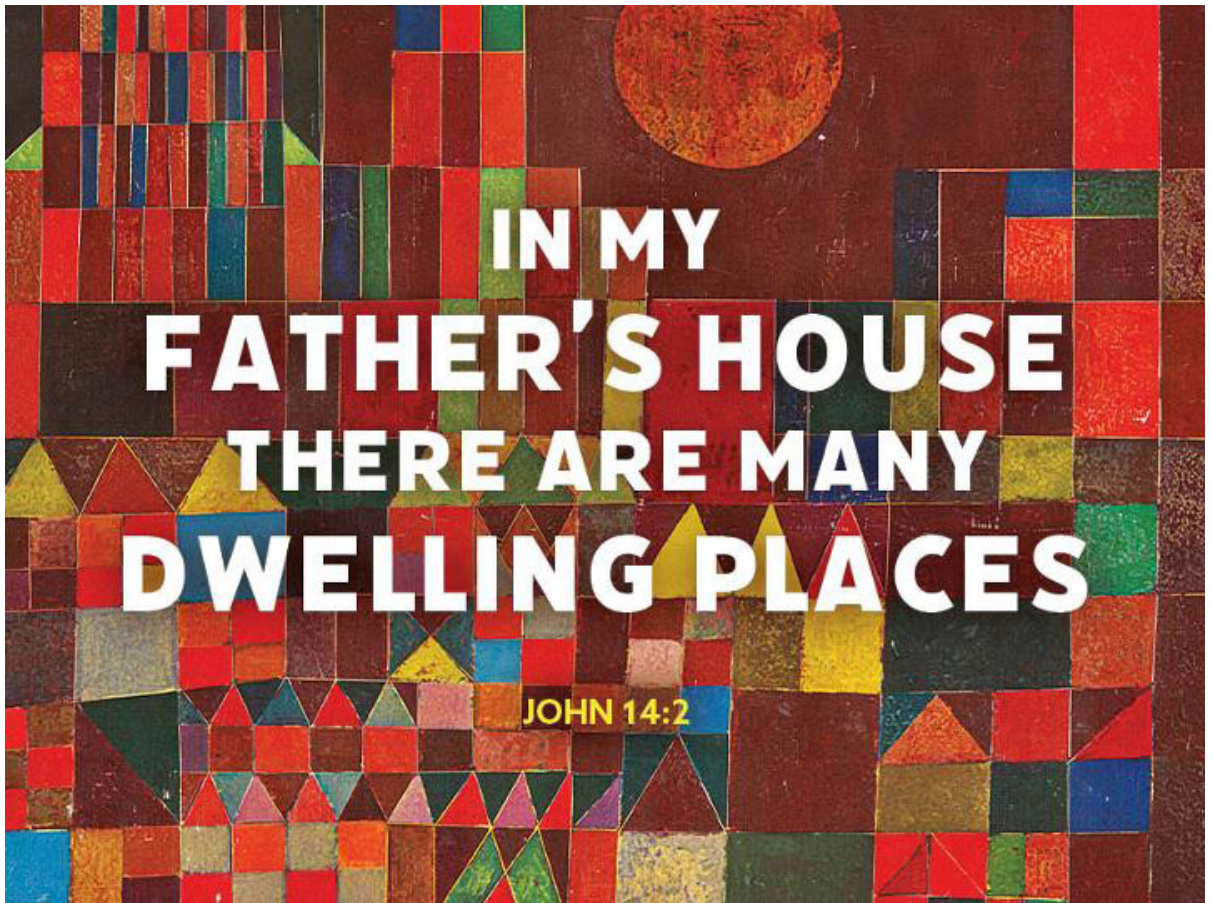


Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:30 AM



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WORSHIP INFORMATION

Please silence your electronic devices during service.

"P" signifies the pastor, "L" signifies the leader, and "C" signifies the congregation.

For responsive readings, the congregation parts are in **bold**.

*** Indicates: "please stand (as you are comfortable)"**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In worship today, we hear the story of Stephen, a faithful witness of Christ whose trust in God remains steady even in the face of fear and uncertainty. His story invites us to consider what it means to live as people shaped by faith, courage, and hope in Christ. As we gather, we are drawn again to the One who calls us to trust, to follow, and to be God's people in the world.

PRELUDE

Be Thou Humble

How Firm a Foundation

How Can I Keep from Singing

Alex Bennett, organ

Robert P. Manookin

Robert A. Hobby

Rebecca Groom Te Velde

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In every time and place, our lives are held in God's hands.

C: We come seeking the One in whom we place our trust.

P: When our hearts are troubled and the way is unclear,

C: Christ meets us with peace and calls us forward.

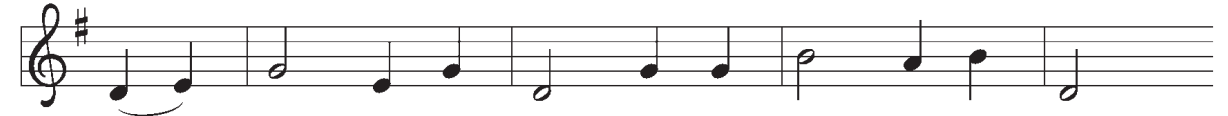
P: We are not alone on our journey of faith;

C: God is with us, and Christ leads the way.

P: Come, let us worship the God who is with us always.

C: We come to rest in God's promises and be strengthened in hope.

*OPENING HYMN: *How Firm a Foundation*



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Faithful God,

C: you are our refuge and our hope in every season of life. When fear surrounds us and the path ahead is unclear, draw our eyes to Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Strengthen us to trust you in all things and to bear witness to your grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME HOME!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE READING: Acts 6:8-15, 7:1, 44-60

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⁸ Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. ¹¹ Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." ¹² They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they

suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. ¹³ They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law, ¹⁴ for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." ¹⁵ And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel. ¹ Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?"

⁴⁴ "Our ancestors had the tent of testimony in the wilderness, as God directed when he spoke to Moses, ordering him to make it according to the pattern he had seen.

⁴⁵ Our ancestors in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the peoples whom God drove out before our ancestors. And it was there until the time of David, ⁴⁶ who found favor with God and asked that he might find a dwelling place for the house of Jacob. ⁴⁷ But it was Solomon who built a house for him. ⁴⁸ Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with human hands; as the prophet says, ⁴⁹ 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest?' ⁵⁰ Did not my hand make all these things?' ⁵¹ "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and

murderers. ⁵³ You are the ones who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it."

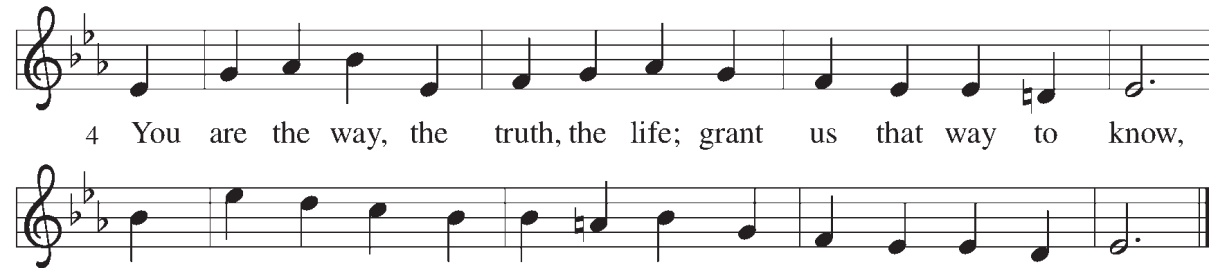
⁵⁴ When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: You Are the Way**



4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-7**

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you

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are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise be to Christ!

SERMON: "Called To Be Faithful"

Pastor Erin Morris



***HYMN OF THE DAY: Be Thou My Vision**



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

P: People of God, what is it we confess to be true?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

*universal

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

Many services and missions of the church are benefited by your generous offerings.

- ELCA Grand Canyon Synod • Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona
- Interfaith Community Services (ICS) • Impact of Southern Arizona • Marana Food Bank
- Canyon del Oro Assembly of God Food Pantry • Lutheran Campus Ministry of U of A.
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 - Primavera Men's Shelter • The Renewal Centers of Tucson
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MUSICAL OFFERING

Jesus Loves Me

arr Joel Raney

Las Campanas Gloria Handbell Choir; Jamee Haddorff, piano

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of all good gifts, we bring these offerings to you as a sign of our trust. Receive them and use them for your purpose, that through your church your love may be made known and your hope proclaimed in the world.

C: Amen.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who calls us to follow Christ, strengthens us to bear witness, and holds us in mercy and grace.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we fall short of the life to which you call us. We turn away when courage is needed. We remain silent when we are called to speak a word of truth or love. We cling to what is familiar rather than follow where you lead. We have not trusted your promises, nor have we reflected your grace in the world as we are able. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may live as your faithful people, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: God is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In ✠ Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. You are freed from fear and given courage to live in faith and to bear witness to God's love.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*JESUS' PROMISE AND COMMAND

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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 and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED - All are invited to the Lord's table.

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine that we receive. This gift of grace is given freely by Christ for all. We welcome people of all ages to come forward to either receive communion or a blessing.

- Receive a wafer and dip it in either red wine or white grape juice.
- Indicate you need a gluten free wafer by holding up two fingers.
- Individually wrapped communion packs are available.
- Those not receiving communion may come forward for a spoken blessing.
- If you are unable to come forward, notify an usher and we will come to you.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: *Be Still*



COMMUNION HYMNS: *I Received the Living God*

Refrain




I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous



O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

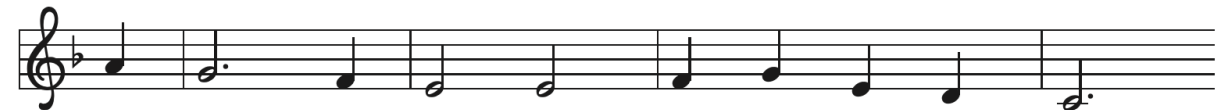
P: May the God who holds your life in every moment grant you peace in times of fear, courage in times of uncertainty, and faith to follow where Christ leads. And may the blessing of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

C: Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: Go to the World



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*DISMISSAL

C: Called by God's Spirit, we are to be the presence of Christ in our daily lives so that others will follow him.

P: Go in peace. Be God's people in the world.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sine Nomine

Alex Bennett, organ
Paul Leddington Wright

Financial Information Update:

Financial updates will be published in April, July and October.
Thank you.

Attendance for last week:

Oro Valley: 588
SaddleBrooke: 108
Online: 334

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for wearing your name tags. If you are in need of one, please contact the church office.

FACILITIES INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to your right as you face the exit of the worship space.
- **Childcare is available** (during 8:30 and 10:00 services) at the end of the hallway to your right as you face the exit of the worship space.
- **Wireless Sound Enhancement Units** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Large Print Bulletins** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Offices** are located in the Administration Building.
- **Please Observe AZ State Law:** Please refrain from smoking within 20 feet of public entrances.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday Worship

5:00 PM – Traditional service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.
First Saturday – Healing Service. Fourth Saturday – Holden Evening Prayer.

Sunday Worship - Summer Hours

8:30 AM – Traditional liturgical service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

9:00 AM – Traditional service at our SaddleBrooke location.

10:00 AM – Children's Sunday School located in the Child Development Center and Confirmation and High School Sunday School meet in the Outreach Building. Classes are available for ages 3 through 12th grade. **(Does not meet during May.)**

10:00 AM – Contemporary service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

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