

MAY 5TH 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

IF YOU ARE ONLINE

We're glad that you are with us today! We hope that you will share your prayers and participation in the chat during worship.

IF YOU ARE IN THE SANCTUARY

We're glad you're here! Please let our ushers know if there is anything that you need.

Live-Stream: Please note that our services are recorded, broadcast live, and a recording is made publicly available on YouTube. If you wish to sit off camera during service, please speak to an usher. Our pastor can bring communion to your seat. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers.

For families: We have a kids' play area in the back of the sanctuary, and an enclosed family play room is open near the main sanctuary doors. Families are welcome to use both spaces during worship, and should feel free to move about as needed. Kids in the family play room must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

COVID 19: We continue to support immunocompromised community members. Masks are no longer required, but are always welcome. We encourage you to do what you feel is best to care for yourself and others. Some worshippers prefer to maintain social distance, so please respect others space and personal boundaries during service.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY:

Pastor	Kristofer Rhude
Deacon	Isabelle Coste
Reader	Melissa Leal
Altar Guild	Comfort Gray & Shirley Woods
Accompanist	Daniel Thomas

We always welcome new lay leaders to participate in service! If you would like to join the rotation of deacons, readers, altar guild, ushers, or prayer writers, please talk with Pr. Kris or the person who was volunteering in that position this week. No experience or special knowledge is needed!

WELCOME

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

All **Amen.**

Pastor Look, here is water!

All **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Pastor Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

All **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Pastor At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Pastor Look, here is water!

All **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG • IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

Please rise in body or in spirit



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

GREETING

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

All And also with you.

Please be seated

KRYIE AND SONG OF PRAISE

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All



Leader For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

All



Leader For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of Christ, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

All



Leader For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

All



Leader Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

All



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-
 le-lu-ia. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and
 strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his. This is the
 feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-
 ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the
 hymn of all cre-a-tion; Bless-ing and hon-or, glo-ry and might to
 God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-
 lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. For the Lamb, the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. This is the
 feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-
 le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deacon Let us pray,
 O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Reader A reading from Acts, the tenth chapter.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader Word of God, Word of Light.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Reader I invite you to join me in reading the 98th Psalm responsively.

Reader ¹Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

All **²O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Reader ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

All **⁴Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Reader ⁵Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

All **⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

Reader ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

All **⁸Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**

Reader ⁹The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING

Reader A reading from First John, the fifth chapter.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water

only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies,
for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader Word of God, Word of Light.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please rise in body or in spirit



Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Pastor The Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Pastor [Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Pastor The Gospel of our Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

SERMON

Pr. Kristofer Rhude

SONG OF THE DAY • GREAT GOD, YOUR LOVE HAS CALLED US



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please rise in body or in spirit

After each petition, the deacon will pray; “Merciful God,” and the congregation is invited to respond: “hear our prayer.”

Deacon Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

All **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

We encourage you to share a sign of peace with respect to the concerns and boundaries of others. Giving your neighbor the peace sign and tell them “Peace be with you” or putting your hand on your heart and saying “God’s peace be with you” are two of many options for sharing a sign of peace.

OFFERING

God has dealt abundantly with us. We practice that abundance by relinquishing our gifts and wealth as a sign of trust that through relationship, God continues to deal abundantly with the whole human family. Our collected offerings proclaim that abundance through our shared mission. If you would like to join this community in mission, you may drop an offering in the plates being passed, give online at www.cgslc.org/donate, or use the Venmo QR code on the final page of this bulletin.

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

Please rise in body or in spirit



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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, — fill to the brim our
cup of — bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; — u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. — Grace our ta - ble with your pres-ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Deacon Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,
All ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... (*Pastor continues*) ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pastor O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Grace our table with your presence.

All Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

All Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the language of your own choosing.

Our God, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kin-dom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Just as Christ welcomes all people, all people are welcome at Christ's table here at CGS. We invite you to share holy communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, physical ability or mental health.

There are gluten free wafers for those who need them; please just ask the pastor when you go forward. The small cups contain red wine and white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, just let the pastor know when you come forward. Take your time! Ask the pastor or communion server if you have any questions or needs.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mer - cy on us, have — mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mercy on us, have — mer - cy. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first two staves contain the first line of lyrics, and the next three staves contain the second line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end.

NOTHING CAN TROUBLE

Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.

Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,

noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

The musical score for 'Nothing Can Trouble' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment is a simple harmonic accompaniment using chords and single notes. The lyrics are spread across the vocal lines.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

Please rise in body or in spirit

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who
seek the Lord re - jice, re jice and bear Christ's
ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your prom - is -
es, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Deacon Let us pray. Life-giving God,

All in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Please rise in body or in spirit

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

All **Amen.**

SENDING SONG • JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Breeze and Newsletter Update

Christina will be in the narthex after worship to help members update their Breeze accounts with any new contact information. Stop by as well if you would like to update your subscription to the newsletter.

Silicon Valley Sponsoring Committee Organizing Meeting, Today 3 - 4:30pm

CGS will be hosting a general meeting of the Silicon Valley Sponsoring Committee, an emerging community organizing group of religious congregations in Santa Clara County. Participants in the spring adult education class are especially encouraged to attend, but for interested folks who cannot make the class, this is a great way to experience some on-the-ground faith-based community organizing right here in our neighborhood!

Spring Adult Education: Outside our Doors – Community Organizing & the Church

Join us Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:30 pm for our adult education exploring together how our church can broaden our service outside our doors by using the tools of community organizing. We will engage with each other and host guest speakers including a professional community organizer and local lay leaders involved in organizing efforts. Throughout, we will discuss the possibility of CGS becoming a partner with a local group launching this fall.

May Children and Youth Event – BBQ Lunch, 5/19

Join us for a BBQ lunch after worship on Sunday. We'll eat lunch, play some yard games, and just enjoy hanging out with our church friends! Running shoes encouraged!

God's Work Our Hands Sunday – Coordinators Needed

The ELCA coordinates a national day of service each year. As a church, we engage in acts of service at all times of year, but for denominational unity the ELCA encourages us all to join in one of our projects on the same day. This year's will be Sunday, 9/8. We are looking for coordinators, including discerning what service project we'd like to embark on. If you're willing to join a team to coordinate a September service project, please speak with Pr. Kris.

Upcoming events in the life of the community

Funeral of Dorothy V. Simi – Friday, May 10th at 10:30 am. Lunch to follow

Baptism of Madeline Visscher – Sunday, May 19th in worship. Reception to follow

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In Christ There Is No East or West

Text: John Oxenham, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

Text: Brian A. Wren

Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker

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Nothing Can Trouble

Text: Teresa of Avila; adapt. Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier

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Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Text: Henry van Dyke

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, adapt.

Liturgical Music: Light of Christ

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