

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Closing Hymn “Bless Our Loved Ones, Holy Father”
Christian Worship Hymn 504

Bless our loved ones, Holy Father; Hear our anxious prayer;
By your mercy keep them always In your care.

Jesus, Savior, let your presence Be their light and guide;
Keep, oh, keep them in their weakness At your side.

When in sorrow, when in danger, When in loneliness,
In your love look down and comfort Their distress.

May the joy of your salvation Be their strength and stay!
May they love and may they praise you Day by day!

Holy Spirit, let your teaching Sanctify their life;
Send your grace that they may conquer In the strife.

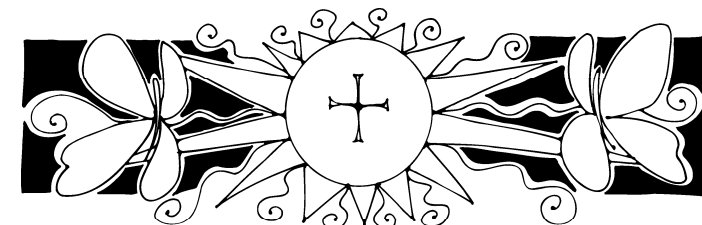
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God forever true,
Bless them, guide them, save them, keep them Close to you.



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*We invite you to worship with us again and we sincerely hope that you will accept this invitation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.
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Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Good Morning!

Yes, another morning of name calling. This morning Jesus calls us branches. Flattering? Disturbing? Marvel today at the blessing of being called "branches" of the true vine, Jesus. May each of us be blessed as we gather to worship in the name of our Triune God!

Opening Hymn "Oh, Give Us Homes"
Tree of Life Song Book

Oh, give us homes built firmly on the Savior,
Where Christ is head and counselor and guide,
Where ev'ry child is taught his love and favor
And gives his heart to Christ, the crucified.
How sweet to know that, though our footsteps waver,
A faithful Lord is walking by our side!

Oh, give us homes where Christ is Lord and master,
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung,
Where prayer come first in peace or in disaster
And praise is natural speech to ev'ry tongue.
Where mountains move before a faith that's vaster
And Christ sufficient is for old and young.

O Lord, our God, our homes are yours forever!
We trust to you their problems, toil, and care;
Their bonds of love no enemy can sever
If you are always Lord and master there.
Lord, be the center of our least endeavor;
Lord, be our guest, our hearts and homes to share.

Statement of Belief Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.

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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 and forever. Amen.

Hymn “May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”
Christian Worship Hymn 458

May we your precepts, Lord, fulfill
And do on earth our Father's will
As angels do above,
Still walk in Christ, the living way,
With all your children, and obey
The law of Christian love.

Spirit of life, of love, and peace,
Unite our hearts, our joy increase,
Your gracious help supply.
To each of us the blessing give
In Christian fellowship to live,
In joyful hope to die.

So may we join your name to bless,
Your grace adore, your pow'r confess,
To flee from sin and strife.
One is our calling, one our name,
The end of all our hopes the same:
A glorious crown of life.

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KID'S CHURCH

Peter tells the Ethiopian about Jesus
Children ages 3 years to 2nd grade

**BE A FRUIT
PRODUCING FAMILY!**

John 15:1-8
Pastor Mike Geiger

CONFESSION FOR MOTHER'S DAY

PLEASE STAND

M: We begin our time of worship in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

M: God invites us as his precious children to confess our sins to him to receive the assurance of forgiveness. As families of God, let us confess our sins individually and collectively.

Children: Father in heaven, I haven't always been the son or daughter you would like me to be. I find myself talking back to my parents, treating my brothers or sisters in an unkind way, and failing to carry out my chores with a joy-filled heart. Forgive me for Jesus sake who was a perfect child for me.

Men: Father, you have exemplified my role to love as Christ loved us his church. I have fallen way short. I haven't loved as you loved me. I have been selfish and thought only of my own needs. I have at times set unreasonable demands of my family. I have placed my job and its demands over the spiritual nurture of myself and my family. Father, forgive me.

Women: Lord, you have given me a privileged role in my family. At times I resent this role and fail to see it as honorable. I find myself not acting in a loving way to those in my home. I carry guilt for my failures instead of asking you to forgive. I can become impatient and unreasonable. Forgive me, Lord.

ALL: Our families are bombarded by Satan. Forgive us, protect us, and renew us with the promises you give in baptism. Give us strength each day to drown Satan's influence and let the new life empowered by your resurrection shine through.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has heard our plea for forgiveness and in Christ assures us of our forgiveness. Our guilt is washed clean and we are renewed to love and serve him. Be assured of God's promise to you as well, your sins are forgiven. You are a family belonging to God!

Song of Praise “At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing”
Verses 1-3 *Christian Worship Hymn 141*

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his piercé side. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight;
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Heavenly Father, you are the source of life, wisdom, and all good things. Look with favor on all mothers who have given life to their children and who nurture them with loving concern and faithful instruction. May their children honor them and call them blessed. When they become weary, sustain them with physical and spiritual rest. Hear us for the sake of your Son, Jesus, who cared for his earthly mother and in whom you are well pleased. In your Son's name we pray,

C: *(spoken)* AMEN.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON
ACTS 16:11-15

“The Word produces the fruit of faith in Lydia's heart.”

¹¹From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. ¹²From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

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¹³On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

PSALM OF THE DAY

“Go Into The World” *Tree of Life Song Book*
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Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations.	Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations.
Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there.	Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there.

I am the vine; you are the branches,
ever the fruit to bear.

I am the light, you the reflection
ev'rywhere.

SECOND LESSON
1 JOHN 3:18-24

“Let our actions match the confession of our heart.”

¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.