

5th Sunday after Easter – May 2nd, 2021; 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Jeff Beyers

Greeting

The Risen Christ is among us. **Thanks be to God.**

The Risen Christ has always been with us. **Thanks be to God.**

The Risen Christ remains with us in life and life eternal! **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Opening Hymn

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

UMH 312

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Glory to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

Hymn

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

UMH 325

Moment for Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Cathy Bowden

Prayer of Confession (UM Book of Worship)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient people. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession, Help & Deliverance

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Glory to God. Amen.**

Hymn Response

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

UMH176

Gospel Reading

John 15: 1-8

Special Music

Abide with Me

Nicole Beyers and Kristen Brought

Sermon

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Special Organ Music for Reflection

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Close to Thee

UMH 407

Benediction

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to God through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

Love as Jesus Loves!



Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!

Lift your There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia! heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia! See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior, who hast borne our sin and shame!
By thy merits we find favor; life is given through thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid;
by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
Every sin may be forgiven through the virtue of thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.

Jesus hail! enthroned in glory, there forever to abide;
All the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading; there thou dost our place prepare;
Thou for saints art interceding till in glory they appear.

Worship, honor, power, and blessing Christ is worthy to receive,
Loudest praises without ceasing, right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, bring your sweetest, no-blest lays;
Help to sing of Jesus' merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.
So, exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Close to Thee

Thou my everlasting portion, more than friend or life to me,
All along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.
Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, all along my pilgrim journey,
Savior, let me walk with thee.

Not for ease or worldly pleasure, nor for fame my prayer shall be;
Gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee.
Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, gladly will I toil and suffer,
only let me walk with thee.

Lead me through the vale of shadows, bear me o'er life's fitful sea;
Then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord with thee.
Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, then the gate of life eternal
may I enter, Lord, with thee.