

The Presbyterian Church at
Bound Brook

May 3, 2026

10:00 a.m.

5th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

PRELUDE Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

TOLLING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as God's beloved children –

However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

So this becomes a place where all are welcome.

We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with others –

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #697

“Take My Life”

HENDON

*OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.



We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

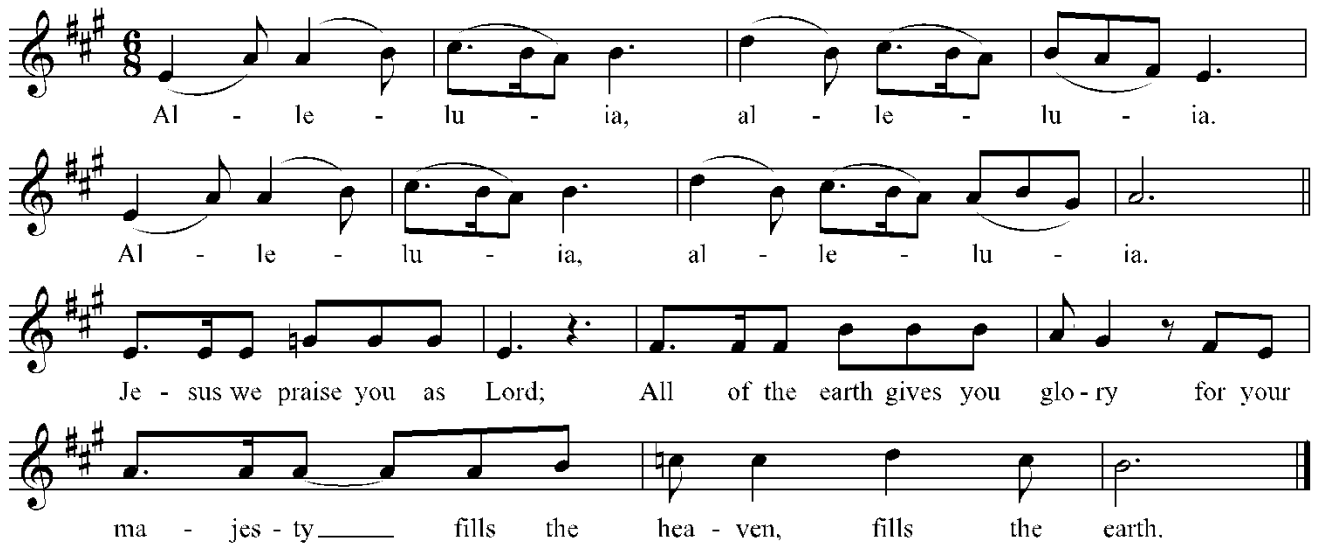
*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace –
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

*CELEBRATION OF GRACE

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Je - sus we praise you as Lord; All of the earth gives you glo - ry for your
ma - jes - ty fills the hea - ven, fills the earth.

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*Children may make their way to the front
of the sanctuary for Children's Time.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Acts 7:55-60

Response after reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

PSALTER - Psalm 30 | A Dramatic Reading

Reader 1: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

Reader 2: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

Reader 1: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**ALL: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

Reader 1: As for me, I said in my prosperity,

Reader 2: "I shall never be moved."

Reader 1: By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

Reader 2: To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:

Reader 1: "What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"

**ALL: You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

EPISTLE LESSON - 1 Peter 2:2-10

Response after reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON - John 14:1-14

Response after reading:

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

CHRIST-like

Rev. Lissette González Sosa

*HYMN #703

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

ST. CATHERINE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give our thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

David E. Poole (2007)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow - er, God of
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Blessed is the One, blessed is the
One, blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-na! Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Marty Haugen

...let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ri-sen; Christ will come a - gain.

...in the unity of the holy spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forevermore.

A men, A men, A men.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love. (George Herbert, 1593-1633)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O How Amiable

R. Vaughan Williams

O How amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts,
My King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be always praising thee.
The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handywork.
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home. (Psalms 84, 90)

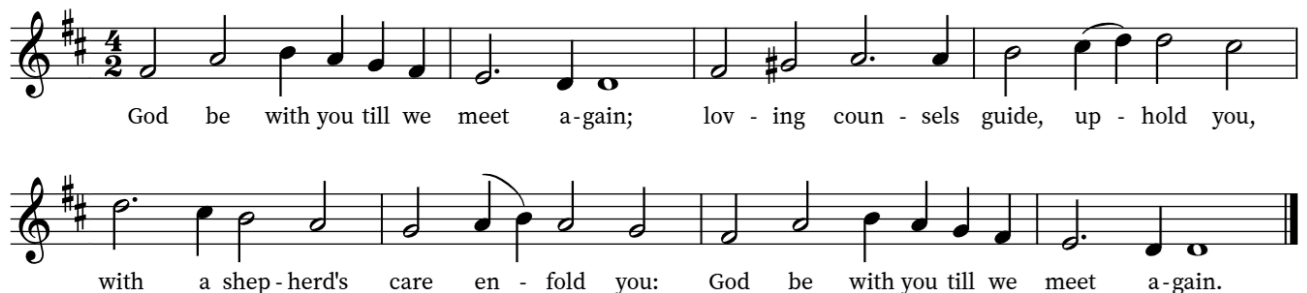
*DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

*HYMN #300 "We Are One in the Spirit" THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

RANDOLPH



God be with you till we meet a-gain; lov - ing coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
with a shep - herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.

POSTLUDE

Settima tono

Andrea Gabrieli (1532/3-1585)

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Readers: Wayne Jones, Sheila Breeding, Max Biedermann

Preaching: The Rev. Lissette González Sosa

Anthems: BBPC Adult Choir and soloist, Dan Howells

Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Lissette González Sosa

Director of Music: Benjamin T. Berman

Technician: Dan Luna

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