



Traditional Worship Service The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Air Gracieux" (Charming song)

Gordon Young

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.)

Love surrounds us this day;

Love that is the stuff of prayer, and love that is sung in a song.

So God's love permeates our lives;

From birth to death, we belong to this God who loves us.

And so, as beloved people, let us worship God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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You give us your commandments, Holy One, so we may have new life, but we continue to make the same old choices. Your love can anchor us when life threatens to overwhelm us, but we choose to cling to the slippery rocks of anger and bitterness. Your Word can strengthen us for every moment, but we listen to the foolish promises of the world. Forgive us, Redeemer of our lives: may every word be shaped by your Word; may every thought be refined by your grace; may every deed be inspired by your Spirit, so we may tell everyone we meet of your work in us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Please stand if you are able.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2015/03/liturgy-wcommunion-for-march-8-2015.html)

When brokenhearted prayers replace piety, when we seek wholeness through the One broken for us, then we remember we are saved by God's powerful love. **We are healed, to bring healing to our world; we are strengthened in faith, to become spent for others; we are set free from our bondage to sin, so we may become servants of Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Melody Engel

Psalm 119:1-7

Hebrew Scriptures: Exodus 20:1-17

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Karen Kinney

“The Wilderness Way: Loving God, Loving Each Other”

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

What were you taught about the ten commandments? How does it change your perspective to think about them being written to serve as rules for how to honor god and live in community in a wilderness season?

*SERMON HYMN

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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of 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 arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Lead Me Lord

Samuel S. Wesley

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great 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.

Music during Communion "Meditation", from *24 Pieces in Free Style*

Louis Vierne

Prayer after Communion (unison)

We thank you, O God, that through your Holy Spirit you have gathered us together and fed us with Jesus Christ. Send us now into the world in peace and loving service, bearing Christ's love in ministry through our words and actions, knowing that there is nothing in heaven or earth that can separate us from your love in Jesus Christ. Even so, Lord Jesus, quickly come. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

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Christ of the Upward Way

SURSUM CORDA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude on "Thaxted"

arr. Gordon Young

You're welcome to stay and enjoy the Postlude or to depart while the music is played.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!