



May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

Communion

Interim Pastor: Rev. Frank Yates

Liturgist: Nancy Shambach

Psalmist: Cyndi Pitts

Communion Servers: Crystal Mitchell, Cyndi Pitts, Joan Roschevitz,
Dave & Nancy Shambach, Ginger Wall

Greeters: Meredith Beaton and Victoria Flick

Ushers: Betty Jarous, Lyn & Len Kulk, Ginger Wall

Flowers: Given by Karen Beaton, in memory of her son,
Andrew Simmons

Early Morning Security: Dave Sternberg

May Sanctuary Stewards: Crystal Mitchell and Karen Williams

Director of Music: Nancy Leffler

Accompanist: Nathan Secrest

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music *Morning Has Broken* - by Richard Blake

Welcome & Announcements, including prayer concerns

Introduction of New Members

Scott & Sharon Patrick

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

Introit *Come! Live in the Light!* Chancel Choir

Prelude *Lord of Mercy* - by Ross Anderson

Call to Worship (from Psalm 119) Nancy Shambach

Leader: With my whole heart I will seek your face.

People: Blessed are you, O Lord, I will not forget your word.

Leader: Open my eyes so that I may behold your ways.

People: Your decrees, O Lord, are my delight, they are my counselors.

All: So let us praise the name of the living God with joy!

***Hymn #246** *Christ Is Alive!*

Call to Confession

Nancy Shambach

Prayer of Confession (unison):

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Hear now our silent prayers.

Silent Prayer

Choral Response *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

(Please join the choir as we sing this together.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Nancy Shambach

Hymn #581

Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri

Prayer for Illumination

Nancy Shambach

Reading from the New Testament: I Peter 2: 2-10 Nancy Shambach

(This can be found on p. 1104, in your pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading from the Psalter **Psalm 31: 1-5,15-16** Cyndi Pitts
(This can be found on p. 495 of your pew Bible.)

Word Through Music *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
Chancel Choir

Reading from the Gospel: John 13: 31-35 Rev. Frank Yates
(This can be found on p. 982 of your pew Bible.)
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *The Always New Commandment* Rev. Frank Yates

Call for the Offering Nancy Shambach

Offertory *Nearer, My God, To Thee* - by Lani Smith

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication Nancy Shambach

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

***Communion Hymn #515** *I Come With Joy*

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastoral Prayer and singing *The Lord's Prayer*

(located on the back cover of your hymnal)

Words of Institution

Sharing Bread and Cup

Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive the bread and cup, taking time to eat and drink as you receive. Those who are not comfortable coming forward will be served by the communion team. Please raise your bulletin so the roving servers can see you. There is a gluten-free alternative available.

Communion Music *Dreaming Op. 15 No. 3* - by Amy Beach

Prayer after Communion

***Sending Song #835:** *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*
(We will repeat the refrain after every verse.)

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

We Are Called

Chancel Choir

Postlude

Go in Faith

- by Lani Smith

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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*Please stand as you are comfortable

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Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

I Come with Joy

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Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
 F B \flat C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F \sharp m) (D)
 Csus Cm B \flat Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

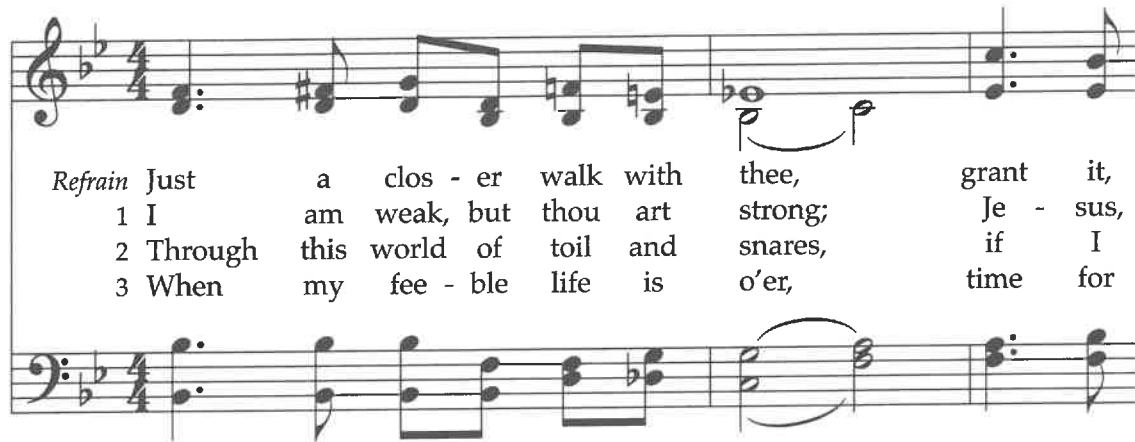
(Em) (D/F \sharp) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)
 Gm F/A B \flat C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

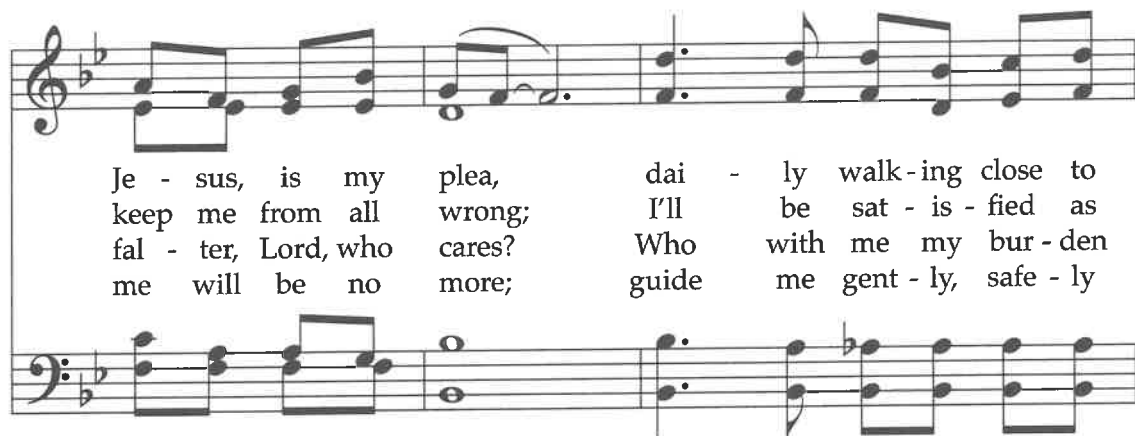
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee 835



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for



Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly



thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggests that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.