

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Austin Contemporary Praise Worship**

May 15, 2022

## **WELCOME**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **OPENING SONG: GLORIOUS DAY**

1. I was buried beneath my shame  
Who could carry that kind of weight  
It was my tomb 'til I met You
2. I was breathing but not alive  
All my failures I tried to hide  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

### **Chorus**

*You called my name and I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
You called my name and I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day*

3. Now Your mercy has saved my soul  
Now Your freedom is all that I know  
The old made new, Jesus, when I met You (**Chorus**)

### **Bridge**

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy  
But chains break at the weight of Your glory  
I needed shelter, I was an orphan  
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven  
When I was broken You were my healing  
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing  
I have a future my eyes are open  
'Cause when you called my name  
*I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
You called my name and I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day*

*(You may be seated)*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **OPENING PRAYER**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

P: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; you opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## SONG OF PRAISE: *GLORIFIED*

1. Praise belongs to You  
Let every kingdom bow  
Let every ocean roar  
Let every heart adore You now  
Praise belongs to You  
What can I do but sing  
The greatest joy I've found  
Is to lay a crown before my King  
Before my King

### **Chorus**

*I've come to worship, I've come to lift up Your Name  
For You deserve this life laid down like the one that You gave  
I have but one voice, one heart and one sacrifice  
So would You take this life laid down  
And be glorified, be glorified, be glorified, be glorified*

2. Praise belongs to You  
Let songs from children rise  
You silence all Your foes  
You set Your glory in the skies  
Praise belongs to You  
Creation's calling now  
For the King to be revealed  
O King of Heaven come down  
King of Heaven come down **(Chorus x2)**

*(Please be seated)*

## WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

**FIRST READING: ACTS 11:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

A: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

A: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

**GOSPEL SONG: WE BELIEVE**

We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ

We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death

We believe in the resurrection and He's coming back again

We believe, we believe

**GOSPEL:** JOHN 13:31-35

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON:** REV. JULIE REUNING-SCHERER

**NICENE CREED**

A: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**SONG OF THE DAY: GOD SO LOVED (WE THE KINGDOM)**

1. Come all you weary, come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water; come and thirst no more
2. Come all you sinners, come find His mercy  
Come to the table; He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness; find what you're looking for

**Chorus 1**

*For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever*

3. Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms  
See His open arms

**Chorus 2**

*For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved, God so loved the world*

**Bridge**

Praise God, praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, praise Him  
For the wonders of His love **(Repeat bridge)**

*For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save **(Chorus 2)***

4. Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

*(Please be seated)*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** *(after each petition...)*

**A:** God, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

**OFFERING SONG: THERE WAS JESUS**

1. Every time I tried to make it on my own  
Every time I tried to stand and start to fall  
All those lonely roads that I have traveled on  
There was Jesus
2. When the life I built came crashing to the ground  
When the friends I had were nowhere to be found  
I couldn't see it then but I can see it now  
There was Jesus

**Chorus**

*In the waiting, in the searching  
In the healing and the hurting  
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces  
Every minute, every moment  
Where I been and where I'm going  
Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it  
There was Jesus*

3. For this man who needs amazing kind of grace  
For forgiveness at a price I couldn't pay  
I'm not perfect so I thank God every day  
There was Jesus, there was Jesus (**Chorus**)

**Bridge**

On the mountain, in the valleys  
There was Jesus in the shadows of the alleys  
There was Jesus in the fire, in the flood  
There was Jesus -- always is and always was  
No, I never walk alone  
You're always there (**Chorus**)

*There was Jesus  
There was Jesus  
There was Jesus*

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meal

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **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 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 ever. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*Christ welcomes you to this meal of grace! If you believe that Jesus is your Lord and Savior and is truly present in the meal, please join us at the table. Communion is by intinction. Dip the bread in the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.*

### **COMMUNION SONG: O COME TO THE ALTAR**

1. Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

#### **Chorus**

*O come to the altar*

*The Father's arms are open wide*

*Forgiveness was bought with*

*The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling **(Chorus x2)**

#### **Bridge**

Oh, what a Savior, isn't He wonderful

Sing alleluia, Christ is risen

Bow down before Him for he is Lord of all

Sing alleluia, Christ is risen **(Repeat)(Chorus x2)**

3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG: ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN**

2. You are not alone if you are lonely  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only  
We are all the same -- in need of mercy  
To be forgiven and be free  
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need

### **Chorus**

*And all the people said Amen, whoa*

*And all the people said Amen*

*Give thanks to the Lord*

*For His love never ends*

*And all the people said Amen*

3. If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter  
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after  
We're all broken but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall  
And He so loved the world that He sent is son to save us all (**Chorus**)

### **Bridge**

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart

Blessed are the persecuted and pure in heart

Blessed are the people hungry for another start

For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God (**Chorus 2x**)

*And all the people said Amen*

## **DISMISSAL**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Parish Notes

**Hospice Care:** Janice Clark

**Sympathy** to Lain Quick on the death of her grandfather, Alan Ruiz.

**The flowers** in the Far Hills Sanctuary are placed by Bob and Cindy Hess in memory of Cindy's mother, Mary Ellen Pelfrey. This would have been Mary Ellen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**For Your Information – Far Hills Kitchen refrigerator broken**

Our almost 30-year-old commercial refrigerator in the Far Hills kitchen is currently inoperable. Please plan accordingly with coolers, etc. if you have need of the refrigerator in the coming weeks. Questions? Contact Natalie Heimann at [nheimann@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:nheimann@epiphanydayton.org).

**Vacation Bible School | June 6-9 | Evenings | Far Hills Campus**

Questions? Contact Sara Richter, Director of Children and Family Ministry at [srichter@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:srichter@epiphanydayton.org).

**In Need of Handy Men & Women!**

We are in search of dependable and trustworthy people who like to fix things! We're interested in a team with any skills in woodworking, electrical, building, painting, drywall, plumbing, flooring, etc. If you or someone you know can do light maintenance and repair at Epiphany's campuses, please contact Kathy Whited at [kwhited@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:kwhited@epiphanydayton.org) or call 937-433-1449, ext. 101.

**Lawn Mowing Help Needed**

It's that time of year to begin mowing the lawn, and we are in need of help with mowing and trimming the grounds at the Far Hills Campus. If you would like to help, even occasionally, please email Natalie Heimann at [nheimann@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:nheimann@epiphanydayton.org).

**Become a Family Promise Golf Marathon Sponsor**

Family Promise (formerly called Interfaith Hospitality Network) will host the 22nd Annual Golf Marathon on May 23, in support of homeless families. Sponsor Jim Evans at [jevans1@u Dayton.edu](mailto:jevans1@u Dayton.edu) or 927-212-8554, playing 100 holes.

**Save the Date: Annual Meeting June 26**

Epiphany's annual congregation meeting will be held June 26 in the Far Hills Sanctuary.

**Altar Flowers and Eternal Flame sign-ups needed.**

In all worship spaces you can give altar flowers in honor, celebration or memory of loved ones, and you may also light the Eternal Flame in the Far Hills Sanctuary in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$30 for flowers and \$10 to light the flame. Place order online or contact the church office.

**Let Us Pray for You!** We want to know when you're hospitalized or when you have a life event, such as a birth, marriage, death in the family, etc. Prayer requests can be sent to [nheimann@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:nheimann@epiphanydayton.org).

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

**Preaching and Presiding:** *Rev. Julie Reuning-Scherer*

**Assisting Minister:** *Natalie Heimann*

**Sound & Slides:** *Ed Wasser, Billy Heaning*

**Praise Team:** *Carlin Heimann, Michele Borns, Lee Dixon, Bill Norman, Dick Lane, Thom Reitz*

**Communion Servers:** *Candy Norman, Ella Norman, Evan Wierwille, Stephanie Wierwille*

**Ushers:** *Stephanie Fulton*

**Acolyte:** *Ella Norman*

**Livestream:** *Ryan Pearson, Scott Haligowski*

**Scripture Readings for 5/22/22, Sixth Sunday of Easter:**

*Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5, John 14:23-29*

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