



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023

10:00 am

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*please stand as you are able, in body or spirit

Bold indicates congregational response.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our rock and refuge!

Nothing can shake me from God's steadfast love.

Our God is a fortress of justice!

No weapons of oppression can loosen a single brick!

HYMN* *"The Church's One Foundation,"* v. 1,2,5 321

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

She is his new creation by water and the word.

From heaven he came and sought her

to be his holy bride.

With his own blood he bought her,

and for her life he died.

**2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**

**5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Merciful God, we have not always followed Christ's
example. When we have been abused, we have been
abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back
into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name.**

Silence

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

468, v. 1

**In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

THE WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

GOSPEL*– John 14:1-14

Linda Morrow

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Forest Arnold

“How Can I Keep From Singing”

NEW TESTAMENT – Acts 6:8-15; 7:55-60

SERMON

“Stoned”

Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE* *(from A Declaration of Faith)*

Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to God’s kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

... with all creation we sing your praise, saying,

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... We declare the mystery of faith,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer: **Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.**

HYMN*

"God of Our Life"

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**1 God of our life, through all the circling years,
we trust in thee.**

**In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
thy hand we see.**

**With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.**

2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand.

With us abide.

Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land.

Be thou our guide.

**With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.**

**3 God of the coming years, through paths
unknown we follow thee.**

When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.

Our refuge be.

Be thou for us in life our daily bread,

**our heart's true home when all our years have
sped.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* 742

Congregation and Choir

We will walk with God, my brothers;

we will walk with God.

We will walk with God, my sisters;

we will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

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POSTLUDE (Please be seated during the Postlude)

Please be in prayer for:

Revathi Balakrishnan Ron Pearson	Herbert Payne Susan Dickerson	Matthew Harper Larry & Karen Rogers
Norma Williams Brenda Payne Charles Allen	Gavin Adams Karen McCollum Hugh & Candy Springer	Pat Robinson Cathy Cunningham Corrie Lawson
Lou Brown Betty Manus	Edd Stoops Marty Rodgers	Justin Michael Kristin Adams

Musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen, Adult Choir (varies)

Audio/Video Technicians – Marshall Chaney, Bruce Harper, Alex Chaney

Upcoming:

May 10, 12:30 pm (note change in time) – Women’s Bible Study – Bring your lunch to Rosemary Cole’s home, 1101 Golfview Dr., Blacksburg. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

May 15-21 – Rev. Linda on study leave for the Festival of Homiletics

May 28 – Pentecost, last day of adult choir

May 29 – Memorial Day, church office closed

To those who are weary and need rest;

To all who are lonely and need friends;

To all who mourn and need comfort;

To all who pray,

and to all who do not, but ought;

To all who sin and need a Savior,

And to whosoever comes –

The Church opens wide its doors, and says,

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

"Welcome."

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THE SESSION

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We welcome each person who is visiting with our congregation this morning and extend a special invitation for you to make Northside church your home. Members and visitors, please use prayer request station to alert the church to pastoral needs or concerns.

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Church Office Hours

9:00 AM – Noon (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Wednesday)