

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

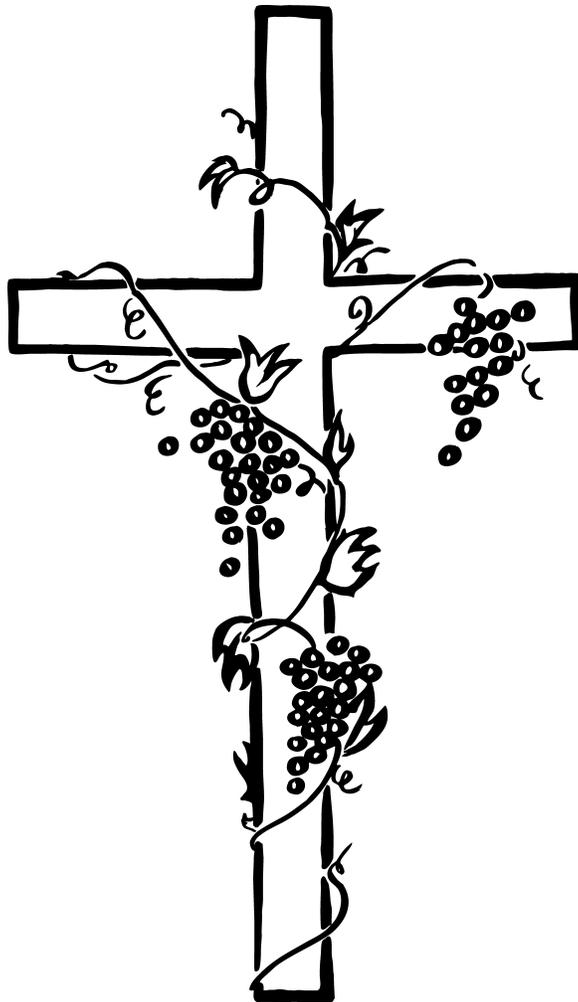
5th SUNDAY OF EASTER | May 2, 2021 | 8:00 am

In-Person and Online at sohsv.org

"...to Reach, Ignite, & Empower people for Jesus."

John 15:1-8

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.



Canticle of Praise

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain*

*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain*

*Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain*

*For the lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Pastor Brice Bloxham

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Gospel Reading **John 15:1-8**

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Message

Pastor Renee Patterson

Song of the Day **Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!**

v. 1-3, 5

1 *Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
 Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
 Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
 Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!*

Refrain *Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
 Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

2 *Walking the way, Christ in the center
 telling the story to open our eyes;
 breaking our bread, giving us glory:
 Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain*

3 *Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain*

5 *City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain*

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926; Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Minister: Lord in Your mercy

ALL: Hear our prayer

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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Offering Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

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, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!

v. 1-3, 5

- 1 *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

- 2 *Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.*

- 3 *In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.*

- 5 *Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936 Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188

Dismissal

Postlude

Variations: *O filii et filiae* (Naji Hakim) **Melanie Ohnstad, (Guest Organist)**

IN-SANCTUARY WORSHIP GUIDELINES

What to Bring

- A mask for each member of the household (we will have some available if you forget yours)
- The bulletin -either print out at home or have ready on your mobile device.

When You Arrive

- Enter through Door A (the main doors)
- We will be distributing our prepacked single-service Communion cups outside.
- Please take all of your items with you (coats, bulletins)
- Wear Your Mask (properly fit over your nose and mouth)
- Sanitize your hands at the sanitizing station
- Maintain social distance (markings are on the floor/pews)
- Be seated by the usher with your immediate household
- Greet others with a wave rather than a handshake or a hug

Keeping Safe During the Service

- There will be no nursery but there is an in-sanctuary "Kid's PRAYground". Families are encouraged to bring quiet toys (no busy-bags will be available) with them and remain together as a family during the service.
- Wear a mask (Everyone over the age of two)
- Maintain social distancing
- There will be no communal singing or responsive/out loud readings
- Restrooms are available, please observe social distancing
- Water fountains have been disabled
- The sanctuary and all utilized spaces will be disinfected before and after services
- Special ionizers on the HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning unit) to promote healthy air quality
- The floors in the building will be marked to provide guidance
- To limit items being touched, all Bibles, hymnals, forms, and pencils have been removed from the pews

When You Depart

- Offertory may be left in the basket at the doors or done online on our website
- Take all of your items with you including communion supplies
- Go spread the news of Jesus Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee & Donuts | We will be offering donuts only outside by Door A between services. Please bring your own beverages.

Wednesday Bible Study | the afternoon Bible Study at 1pm will be in-person in the Narthex. Enter through door A (the main doors) and please wear a mask. The evening Bible Study at 6:30pm will remain on Zoom.

Shepherd Book Study | Our Spring Book Study will be on "One Coin Found" by Rev. Emmy Kegler. We will be gathering on both Wednesdays at 2:30pm and Thursdays at 6:30pm (via Zoom) every other week. The next meeting will be May 5th & 6th. Both weekdays will have the same questions and focus so choose the time that works best for you.

Parking for the Indoor Service | When parking for the 8am Indoor Service, please park near Door C or by the fence near door G. Please leave the main parking lot open for those coming to the Parking Lot Service. Please enter the building through doors A and C.

Shepherd's Spring Season of Service 2021 | It is that time of year again! We are for our Spring Season of Service. It will run through May 23rd. We are inviting individuals, families, and self-organized groups to safely do acts of service throughout this month and share on social media or send in pictures to staff@shepherdshoreview.org. Today we will have information on many possible ways you can engage. Let's fill our month with loving and serving our neighbor!

May Collection Drive: Ralph Reeder Paper Product Drive: we will be collecting paper products (paper towel, toilet paper, diapers, wipes, feminine supplies, ...). Once again you can drop off your donations at church (door G) M-F 9am—4pm (office hours).

GIVING	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Operating Contributions	194,063	214,550
Programs & Missions	107,783	96,622
Total Giving	<u>301,846</u>	<u>311,172</u>
SPENDING		
Operating & Mortgage	193,435	221,097
Programs & Missions	69,931	82,587
Total Spending	<u>263,366</u>	<u>303,684</u>
Net Surplus / (Usage)	<u>38,480</u>	<u>7,488</u>

We are so grateful for the generosity of our Shepherd community! At the end of March, the deficit in our YTD member giving decreased from 13% behind at the end of February to 9% behind at the end of March. While this is a great move in the right direction, if member giving remains 9% behind budget, we will end the year \$83,638 behind our annual budgeted giving projection. We look forward to your continued commitment to help us to live out our mission of "reaching, igniting and empowering people for Jesus."

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The Gathering between services outside door A on the front lawn 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome to The Gathering outside door A on the front lawn for fellowship. We will have the donuts, but no coffee, so please bring your own mug filled with your beverage of choice. Please join us!

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

8 am Indoor Service

Ushers:

Russ & Peggy Weaver

10 am Parking Lot Service

Attendants:

Chriss Latterell

Lisa Vannelli

Steve Klietz

Lynn Sheff

How Can You Support Shepherd Financially?

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