



5th Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026



## University Presbyterian Church

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*Whether you are worshipping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.*

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.  
The asterisk \* is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Erin Tolar

INTROIT

***I Am the Good Shepherd***  
*Composed by Dale Wood*  
*Augsburg Publishing House, 1969*

*I am the good shepherd:  
I know my own sheep and they know me,  
I am the good shepherd.*

*As the Lord knows me and I know the Lord  
and I lay down my life for the sheep.  
I am the good shepherd.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)  
Lighting the Candle  
Word for Worship

Pre-K-5th Graders

\*HYMN No. 624 vv 1,3,5

***I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bizza Britton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of All,**

**We admit that from credit cards to polling data,  
from hand-held devices to stock options,  
from report cards to gaming systems,  
we are surrounded by a variety of gods who demand our worship.  
We can all too easily believe that work is our life,  
that wealth is the reason for our being,  
and that success is the very air we breathe.  
We allow our attention to be commodified  
and forget that it is you and your creation that warrants it.  
For this, we are sorry.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**God of mercy, forgive us.**

**You are not found in a computer chip or a bank balance.  
You are the Word that can transform our very lives.  
You are not a disembodied, constantly recalculating voice,  
but the One who calls us to life,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Despite everything we do, God loves us.

This grace is why we can dare to hope.

**We are witnesses to this hope and grace.**

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Hymn 248 - v1  
sung through one time*

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!**

**Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.**

**In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.**

**Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17:16-34

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

\*HYMN No. 686

**God of Our Life**

OFFERING of GIFTS

*Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources.*

*If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on-line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.*

INVITATION

ANTHEM

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown*

*Composed by John Ferguson*

*Augsburg Fortress, 1996*

*He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard;  
As though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown,  
A pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.*

*He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart;  
Half-seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky  
Of night within the heart, of night within the heart.*

*He comes to us in sounds of seas, the ocean's fume and foam;  
Yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees,  
A voice to call to call us home, a voice to call us home.*

*He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth  
To hear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving Name,  
For every child of earth, for every child of earth.*

*He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored;  
The Christ in all the Scriptures shown, as yet unseen, but not unknown,  
Our Savior and our Lord, our Savior and our Lord.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**God of all that is known and unknown,  
We thank you for all that we have received,  
and with gratitude,  
we offer these gifts of time, talent, and treasure to you.  
May they be used both within and beyond these walls  
to witness to your love and to achieve your purposes.  
May the gifts and those who give them be blessed.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup,  
regardless of age or understanding. (PC-USA Book of Order W-3.0409)*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

God of yesterday, tomorrow, and right now...

...In the unity of the Holy Trinity, in gratitude for the resurrection, we lift our hearts and voices praying together:  
**Our Mother and Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*All worshipers are invited to come forward (lectern/left side) or backward (pulpit/right side) by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the cup, and return to their pew by the side aisles.*

*For those who prefer, communion will be served directly to your seat.  
The elements consist of grape juice and gluten-free bread.*

#### COMMUNION PRAYER (*unison*)

**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.  
May we feel emboldened by the power of your Spirit  
to tell this good news to the world:  
Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 494

***Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts***

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

God is...  
**everywhere!**

POSTLUDE

*I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*  
*Adolphus Hailstork*  
*Theodore Presser Co., 1998*

*Many thanks to Leslie Green and Tom Shelton  
who helped to live-stream the service today.*



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