



Christ Is Rising!



May 15, 2022—10:30 AM

Fifth Sunday of Easter

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Barbara Cain;

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho; Worship Production: Norris Clark.

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MESSAGE PREVIEW

We like thinking that life is simple. We prefer fewer choices and default to think binary, choosing between two things. Day/night. No/Yes. Either/or. Off/on. Bad/good. Right/wrong. Sacred/secular. Dry/wet. Poor/rich. Democrat/Republican. Foreigner/resident. Female/male. Believer/unbeliever. Dark/light. You can add many more binary examples of your own.

We look at life through simple, safe/dangerous absolutes, even as small children. Consider the things that go bump in the night. That is what scares us when we are children. And the same panic can continue as a fear factor throughout our adult lives. The same fear inspires all those “teenage slasher” movies, zombie stalker sagas, and ghost stories you heard around a campfire. Our need to divide the world into a “safe” (day) and a “scary” (night) is a way to manage the chaos and unexpected outcomes that are part of daily living. We reassure our kids that there is nothing “bad” at night. God created the world and said it was all good. The world of day and the world of the night is the same. The world created by the divine does not know the difference between night and day. God’s presence is always and everywhere, even when the world looks dark and scary, not just when the world looks sunny and bright.

The amazingly diverse world and God’s abiding presence are behind the text in this week’s reading from Acts. Oh, and it’s all about food. Actually, it’s about people who prefer their regional culinary favorites to the exclusion of tasty favorites enjoyed by outsiders. Peter (Jewish) had already been preaching to the Gentiles (non-Jewish) about Jesus. He was criticized by Jewish believers but still cling to their favorite foods (Kosher) and unique Jewish identity (God’s *chosen*).

This Sunday, let’s join Peter as he was challenged to enjoy an incredible assortment of foods and the people who prepared new meals. He was urged to eat like Jesus. And by enjoying new foods, Peter could begin to love like Jesus, too, who called him to be freed from binary thinking.

Are you hungry to discover new, nutritious spiritual food? Come and get it!

MUSIC PREVIEW

Barbara Cain will be singing a selection from the *Glory to God Hymnal, A Grateful Heart*. This paraphrase of Psalm 111 lists God's praiseworthy characteristics. These attributes are organized as an acrostic on the Hebrew alphabet in the original text.

Following the message, our music video is *O God of Every Nation*. This hymn won first place in a contest co-sponsored by the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada and the National Council of Churches. It was first sung at the Council's Fifth World Order Conference held in Cleveland, Ohio, in November 1958. If we genuinely believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

Today, our sending hymn is *Draw the Circle Wide*, written by singer, songwriter, and guitarist Gordon Light in 1994. The words of the refrain to this catchy melody use the metaphor of a circle. *Draw the circle wide* brings to mind that all points in a circle are the same distance from the center. Jesus Christ is the center of our circle, the center of all life (Colossians 1). When we are in a circle, all are visible to one another – "No one stands alone. We'll stand side by side." A circle is drawn when the outside points revolve around the center point – rather than vice versa. Many will say, there shouldn't be a circle at all. However, if you read the lyrics, you will see that everyone ends up inside the circle. Jesus said, "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw *all* people to myself" (John 12:32).

GREETING OF WORSHIPPERS: PASTOR KEVIN (10:24)

COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP (10:25)

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME: PASTOR KEVIN (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY): BARBARA CAIN (10:32)

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

God has called us to this place.

What do you seek?

We seek God's spiritual food.

God has brought us to this place.

What do you need?

We need God to open us to new

possibilities of creative abundance.

God has welcomed us to this place.

Hallelujah! Christ is rising!

Christ is rising, indeed!

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON):

(1-10:33)

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

Loving God, keep our hearts and minds open to the Good News as we learn, grow, and serve. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 13:31-35 (MSG)

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. This way everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

MESSAGE FOR KIDS- THE *IN* CROWD

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

MUSIC: A GRATEFUL HEART - BARBARA CAIN

NEW TESTAMENT READING: ACTS 11:1-18 (MSG) (10:38)

The news traveled fast and in no time the leaders and friends back in Jerusalem heard about it—heard that the non-Jewish “outsiders” were now “in.” When Peter got back to Jerusalem, some of his old associates, concerned about circumcision, called him on the carpet: “What do you think you’re doing rubbing shoulders with that crowd, eating what is prohibited and ruining our good name?”

So Peter, starting from the beginning, laid it out for them step-by-step: “Recently I was in the town of Joppa praying. I fell into a trance and saw a vision: Something like a huge blanket, lowered by ropes at its four corners, came down out of heaven and settled on the ground in front of me. Milling around on the blanket were farm animals, wild animals, reptiles, birds—you name it, it was there. Fascinated, I took it all in.

“Then I heard a voice: ‘Go to it, Peter—kill and eat.’ I said, ‘Oh, no, Master. I’ve never so much as tasted food that wasn’t kosher.’ The voice spoke again: ‘If God says it’s okay, it’s okay.’ This happened three times, and then the blanket was pulled back up into the sky.

“Just then three men showed up at the house where I was staying, sent from Caesarea to get me. The Spirit told me to go with them, no questions asked. So I went with them, I and six friends, to the man who had sent for me. He told us how he had seen an angel right in his own house, real as his next-door neighbor, saying, ‘Send to Joppa and get Simon, the one they call Peter. He’ll tell you something that will save your life—in fact, you and everyone you care for.’

“So I started in, talking. Before I’d spoken half a dozen sentences, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as he did on us the first time. I remembered Jesus’ words: ‘John baptized with water; you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ So I ask you: If God gave the same exact gift to them as to us when we believed in the Master Jesus Christ, how could I object to God?”

Hearing it all laid out like that, they quieted down. And then, as it sank in, they started praising God. “It’s really happened! God has broken through to the other nations, opened them up to Life!”



MESSAGE: EAT LIKE JESUS. LOVE LIKE JESUS

REV. DR. KEVIN YOHO

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC VIDEO: *O GOD OF EVERY NATION*

Verse 1

O God of every nation
Of every race and land
Redeem the whole creation
With Your almighty hand
Where hate and fear divide us
And bitter threats are hurled
In love and mercy guide us
And heal our strife-torn world

Verse 2

From search for wealth and power
And scorn of truth and right
From trust in bombs that shower
Destruction through the night
From pride of race and nation
And blindness to Your way
Deliver every nation
Eternal God we pray

Verse 3

Lord strengthen all who labor
That we may find release
From fear of rattling saber
From dread of war's increase
When hope and courage falter
Lord let Your voice be heard
With faith that none can alter
Your servants under gird

Verse 4

Keep bright in us the vision
Of days when war shall cease
When hatred and division
Give way to love and peace
Till dawns the morning glorious
When truth and justice reign
And Christ shall rule victorious
O'er all the world's domain

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(10:54)

God loves you and nothing separates you from God's love. In a spirit of gratitude and honesty, let us pray together:

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (UNISON)

Jesus is the Way-Maker when we have lost our way.

Jesus is the Chain-Breaker who frees us from what holds us back.

Jesus is the Gift-Giver for a hope-filled future. Thank you, God, for forgiving our sins and anything that holds us back as we become reconciled to the rising Christ. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ, God loves and forgives us to live a life of faith and justice. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

THE GLORIA

(3) (10:56)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

(10:57)

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PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

THE DOXOLOGY

(5) (10:58)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below; praise
God above the heavenly host, praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

FLOWERS DEDICATION

Given to the glory of God by Dale and Jonna Myers in honor of Dale's birthday and to honor all of the Ukrainian mothers.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy birthday to Nancy Wand (5/14), Carol Glacken (5/18), Joan O'Neill (5/20), and Ann Griffith (5/21).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(10:58)

The Lincoln and the Oswald family mourning the loss of Jake on May 10. The Moyer family in the passing of Carlene's Aunt Evelyn. Wally (MS, improved wellness). Damien Bakley (hospice). The Matthew's family, car accident (cousins of Elaine Jordan). Sandy Montaña who

suffered heart attack, (friend of Cape Resorts family). Harry (heart condition) and his wife Sharon (terminally ill with cancer). The family of Betty Miller. Rev. Wendy Boer, recovering from a stroke. Lenore (macular degeneration), Verna Shifflett, Crystal Vines, Susan, Vinny, Joanne, Ed, Dorothy, Eileen, Reese, Marie, Robert, Patti, Marie.

We pray for the people of Ukraine and all who work for peace. We pray that all who seek shelter, food, employment, healing, and wholeness in mind, body, and spirit would receive the resources that need. We pray for those suffering from Covid-19 and other illnesses. We ask God to bless those who serve in healthcare, police and fire, government, the armed forces, education, and business.

LORD'S PRAYER

(11:03)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(11:24)

Once we were strangers,
 Now we are neighbors.
Once we were strangers,
 Now we are friends.

MUSIC: *DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE*

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide...

God the still-point of the circle
Round you all creation turns
Nothing lost but held forever
in God's gracious arms

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide...

Let our hearts touch far horizons
So encompass great and small
Let our loving know no borders
Faithful to God's call

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide...

Let the dreams we dream be larger
Than we've ever dreamed before
Let the dream of Christ be in us
Open every door!

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

BENEDICTION: PASTOR KEVIN

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(11:27)

Go in peace to serve! See you next week!
Christ is *still* Rising!

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2. *A Grateful Heart*: text:David Gambrell,
music: 2nd Suppkemen to Psalmody in
Miniature: Glory to God Hymnal #652.
3. *O God of Every Nation* CCLI Song
#5185393
4. *Gloria* Public Domain
5. *Doxology* CCLI #4255578
6. *Draw the Circle Wide: Gordon Light &
Mark Miller: Permission under One*