



May 3, 2026  
5th Sunday of Easter  
10:00 a.m.

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Gathering those who fear they are not enough,  
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.

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## ***We Gather to Praise God***

### **PRELUDE**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

arr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

### **RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT**

*The Lord is Alive!*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

*The Lord is alive! Sing together with praise! The Lord is alive, Join in song all our days!  
He rose from the dead as our glorious King! He rose from the dead, Let all people now sing!*

### **WELCOME**

Megan Klose

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: God welcomes us here.

**ALL: We welcome each other in this place.**

ONE: Let us gather to worship our God who desires to bless us.

**ALL: We are ready to receive God's blessings.**

ONE: Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.

**ALL: We offer ourselves through this time of worship.**

ONE: God, receive our worship.

**ALL: God, receive our praise. Alleluia! Amen!**

### **\* GATHERING HYMN 37**

*Let All Things Now Living*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Molly Good

ONE: We were promised that those who believe in Christ will not be put to shame. Trusting and confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, yet we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Personal Prayer in Silence*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

**ONE:** Siblings in Christ, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God for God's unending grace.

## \* SING GLORY TO GOD 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008  
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008  
Text Adapt. and Music © 2008 Paul M. Vasile

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

## \* PASSING THE PEACE

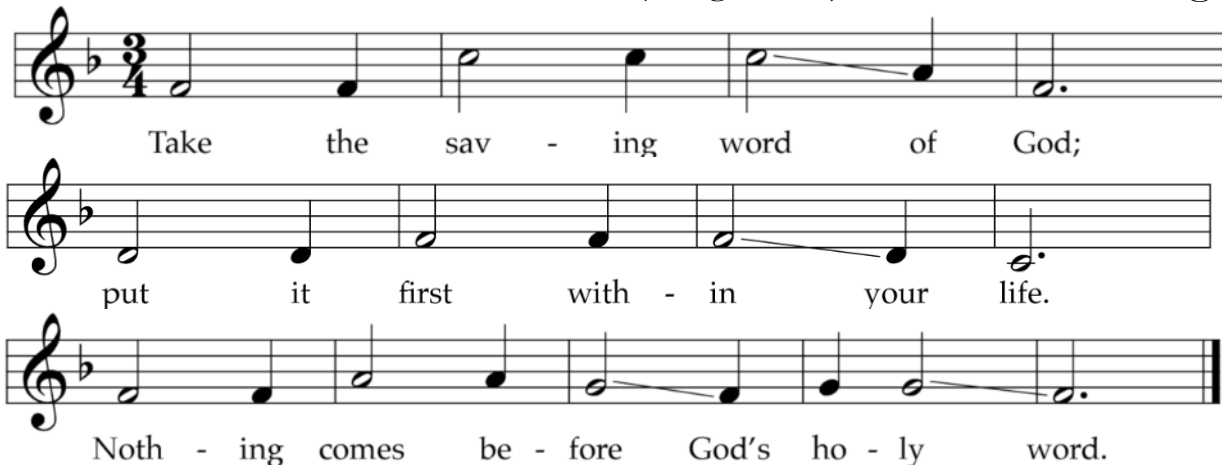
Yena Hwang

**ONE:** The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

## ***We Listen for God's Word***

**SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 454** (sung twice) *Take the Saving Word of God*



Take the sav - ing word of God;  
put it first with - in your life.  
Noth - ing comes be - fore God's ho - ly word.

TEXT: Pawltay (Kiowa); English vers. John Thornburg, 2008  
MUSIC: Kiowa melody; transcr. Carlton R. Young, 2008  
English Vers. and Transcr. © 2008 General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBGMusik

DAWK'YAH TOWGYAH  
7.7.9

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Molly Good

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

### **SENSES OF SCRIPTURE**

Cali Bronkema

*Children ages 3 and up are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in Room 204.*

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

1 Peter 2:2-10

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

### **SERMON**

*Living Stone*

Yena Hwang

## ***We Respond to God's Word***

### **\* SERMON HYMN 503**

*Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

### **\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith*)

Megan Klose

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Molly Good

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

*The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors Yena and Megan at [prayers@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:prayers@fallschurchpresby.org).*

*Please keep in your prayers:*

Leslie Duncan and family on the death of Chet De Long on April 26

Katherine Houston, following bone marrow transplant on 4/21

Matthew Pow, nephew of Lidian Shark, in treatment for leukemia

*Ongoing prayer concerns:*

*FCPC members:* Avery Burns, Winnie Harris-Zoellner, Ruth Mileham, Ken

Waugh; *Relatives and friends:* Carolyn Armstrong, Scott Armstrong's mother;

Lisa Bales, Pete Kelly's sister; Bill Bickel, Janet Bickel's husband; Ansley

McCraw, Shawn Sledge's niece

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Megan Klose

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions.*

*Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online through our secure giving portal ([fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online](http://fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online)), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.*



## OFFERTORY

*He Shall Feed His Flock*

Austin North (contemporary)

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd. He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.*

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use, Thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.*

**\* DOXOLOGY 609**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures  
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise  
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it  
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1989  
MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchen Gesang, 1623; harm. Hal H. Hopson, 1998  
Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company  
Music Harm. © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

LASSI UNS ERFRUEN  
LM with alleluia  
(alternate harmonization, 10)

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Yena Hwang, Megan Klose

**Invitation to the Lord's Table and Great Thanksgiving**

**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 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.**

**Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements**

*Come forward by the center aisle, take bread, dip it into the cup and eat, then return to your pew by a side aisle. Bread is gluten-free, cup is non-alcoholic, and yeast-free wafers are available. A tray with bread and cups will be brought to those who wish to remain seated.*

**Prayer after Communion**

Yena Hwang

***We Are Sent into the World***

**\* SENDING HYMN 733**

*We All Are One in Mission*

**\* CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Yena Hwang

## \* CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Risen*

G.F. Handel

*Risen! Risen! Christ is risen! Amen!*

## POSTLUDE

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

arr. Clarence Kohlmann (1891-1944)

### ***Supporting Us in Worship***

Worship Leader	Molly Good
Ushers	Chuck Hobbie, Carol Kercheval
Audio/Video	Mark Armstrong
Communion	Sam Beatty, Susan Beeman, Elaine Porter, Gail Warner
Sexton	Molly Good
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Janet Bickel in celebration of the 100th birthday of her mother, Jean Finley Wetzel.

### ***A Warm Welcome***

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor. There are nametag boards outside of the sanctuary side entrance. Please make a nametag and wear it as a sign of hospitality.

Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic hearing devices are available in the narthex.

A recording of today's service can be found at [www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon](http://www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon).

If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, talk to one of the pastors or email Pastor Yena ([yhwang@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:yhwang@fallschurchpresby.org)) or Pastor Megan ([mklose@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:mklose@fallschurchpresby.org)). Please visit our website for more information.

### ***Children in Worship***

Children are always welcome in our services. The Kids' Corner at the front right side of the Sanctuary is where children and their grownups can play, read, or color quietly while in worship. The Cozy Corner along the right wall of the sanctuary has sensory toys and headphones. Children up to age 4: Child care is offered in Room 201 by paid nursery staff. Children age 3 and up: Godly Play is offered in Room 204 following Senses of Scripture.

## ***Share the Feast & Tinner Hill Historical Walk***

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship today for a potluck lunch. During the meal we will hear from local leaders of the Tinner Hill Foundation about The Tinner Hill Historic Site and local civil rights history. After lunch, everyone is invited to experience a guided walk to the local Tinner Hill Historic and Cultural District to learn more about our local civil rights history. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry, in conjunction with the Justice Ministry Team.

### ***Announcements***

**Service of Sacred Music, Sunday, May 10.** Join us for a special morning of worship enriched by a vibrant offering of sacred music, featuring choir, soloists, a professional string quartet, and singers from the U.S. Army Chorus. The service will include *Missa Brevis in G* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, alongside beloved works by Bach and Dvořák, hymnody, and congregational singing—all thoughtfully woven into the liturgy. Invite a friend and join us on May 10.

**Antiracism Training.** The Justice Ministry is sponsoring another round of Next Church Antiracism as a Way of Being classes, May 4–June 22. The commitment is once a week during these dates for 90 minutes, as well as the viewing of some videos on your own.

**Thank you to all who prepared Monday night dinners** for guests at the Falls Church Homeless Shelter this winter. FCPC has supported the shelter in this manner for more than two decades. Volunteers delivered a hot meal for 14 guests each Monday for 20 weeks (some of those trips were in the snow!). Thanks again for your help with this caring ministry. Your efforts helped keep people warm and safe during one of the most severe winters in recent years.

**Fellowship Tables** – Last chance to sign up for small groups that will gather informally for meals and fellowship. Look for the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

## **Calendar**

### **Sunday, May 3 – 5th Sunday of Easter**

Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room

Worship Service (Communion Sunday), 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary and online

Share the Feast & Civil Rights Talk and Walk, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Children's Playdate, 11:30 a.m., Frady Park

Youth Group Game Night, 6:00 p.m., Third Floor

### **Monday, May 4 – Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft**

Finance Team, 6:15 p.m., Conference Room

Antiracism Pre-Training, 6:15 p.m., Parlor

### **Tuesday, May 5 – Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m., Zoom**

Building and Grounds Team, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Library and Zoom

### **Wednesday, May 6 –**

1st Wednesday Welcome Table, 11:00 a.m. - 7:15 p.m., Food Prep, Serving, Cleanup

### **Thursday, May 7 – Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

### **Friday, May 8 – Lydia Circle, 10:30 a.m., Waugh Residence**

### **Saturday, May 9 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor**

New Officers Training, 9:00 a.m., Third Floor

Chancel Choir & Strings Rehearsal, 8:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Chancel Choir Luncheon, noon, Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, May 10 – 6th Sunday of Easter**

Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room

VOICE + Justice Ministry Team, 9:00 a.m., Third Floor

Special Music Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary and online

Bagels & Bibles (grades 7 & up), during worship, Third Floor

*Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, “working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.”*

*Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.*

The Rev. Yena Hwang, Pastor; The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

Cali Bronkema, Director of Children & Youth Ministry

Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music; Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

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