



We invite you to join us online (www.westmarketchurch.org) or by radio ([WPET 950 AM](#) & [92.7 FM](#)) to participate in worship this Sunday.

Below you will find the bulletin for the 11:00 a.m. service for the Sixth Sunday in Easter, May 5, 2024.

We come as Christ's body to honor God's presence together.

We come to share faith, hope, and love with one another.

We come to proclaim and to hear "God is with us! Thanks be to God!"

~Pastors Otto and Jeremy



May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Easter
Holy Communion

11:00 a.m.

Silent Meditation

*He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.*

Psalm 40: 3 (NRSVue)

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE:

“Come, Let Us Eat”
MarketBell Ringers

arr. Mocklebust

† CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!
Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!
God has remembered God’s faithful ones.
God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!
Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!
Rejoice, for God is truly with us. Amen.

Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters

ENTRANCE

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

No. 62, vs. 1-4 & 7 “All Creatures of Our God and King” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. **All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise ye!
Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!**

REFRAIN: O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. **O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain, by which all creatures ye sustain, O praise ye!
Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice! REFRAIN**
3. **O sister water, flowing clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia! O
brother fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight, REFRAIN**
4. **Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, Alleluia! Alleluia! The
flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God’s glory also show! REFRAIN**
7. **Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One! REFRAIN**

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† COLLECT:

**Our hearts are filled with your song. We sing of the marvelous things you have done!
Our hearts are filled with images of your power and the workings of your salvation.
We give thanks that you, Lord, have made known your salvation to us. Amen.**

† GLORIA PATRI: No. 70

MEINEKE

***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.***

Text: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th century

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR: HALL LEVI PATTERSON

SERVICE OF RECEPTION INTO WEST MARKET STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR: ANNA and TOMMY PATTERSON

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

I present Hall Patterson for baptism.

I present Anna and Tommy Patterson, who come to this congregation for membership.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

Will you nurture Hall in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **I will.**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Hall, Anna, and Tommy now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Hall, Anna, and Tommy with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and them who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory. **Amen.**

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Hall Levi Patterson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

Anna and Tommy, remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND INTO WEST MARKET STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As a member of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? **I will.**

As a member of West Market Street United Methodist Church, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? **I will.**

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend Anna, Tommy, and Hall to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

No. 611, v.1 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" STUTTGART

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

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PROCLAMATION

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN: *Please join us in singing after the Children's Message*

No. 302, v.5 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 98 (NRSVue)

Reader: Sabrina Hinson

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight

of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON:

“A New Song”

The Rev. Jeremy Benton

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit called and anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to free those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners, inviting all those to the table that others had rejected or ignored.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us:

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

Sharing in Communion at home but united by the Holy Spirit.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: "Three for Communion"
MarketBell Ringers

arr. Dan R. Edwards

- I. "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"
- II. "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
- III. "Let Us Break Bread Together"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into all the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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

THANKSGIVING TO GOD THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

“Panis angelicus”

César Franck

*Panis angelicus fit panis hominum; Dat panis caelicus figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum pauper, pauper, servus et humilis.*
Translation: The bread of angels becomes bread for humankind;
the bread of heaven puts an end to all labels (of people);
O wonderful thing! The poor and humble servant eats the Lord’s feast.

Text: Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

† DOXOLOGY: No. 94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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† OFFERING BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN OF DEDICATION: No. 68

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

ENGELBERG

1. When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!
2. How often making music we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moves us to a more profound Alleluia!
3. So has the church in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!
4. And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!
5. Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia!

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† BENEDECTION

† CHORAL BENEDECTION: No. 902 “Amen”

John Rutter

POSTLUDE: “Praeludium”

Hermann Schroeder

***Our Service of Worship is ended.
Let our worship through service begin.***

† Please stand as you are able.

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Laura Degnon, and Robert Dunbar

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all the faithful volunteers at West Market Street United Methodist Church.**