

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9 AM Worship + May 2, 2021

Welcome

Prelude *Meditation on 'How Great Thou Art'* arr. Carter

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you who worship the Holy One!

All: You children of Jacob, come glorify God! You children of Israel, stand in awe of the Lord of Hosts!

Leader: All who hunger, come eat your fill at the Lord's table.

All: All who seek the Lord, sing praises and worship the God of glory!

Gathering Hymn *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

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You can view a preview of the hymn on hymnary.org.



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Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Pass the Peace (Leader)

The Peace of Christ be with you!

Friends, the peace of Christ be with you! Please stay in your seat but pass peace to neighbors by waves and/or air hugs. If you are worshipping with us online, we encourage you to text a friend and pass the peace.

Children's Sermon

Song Crown Him

1 It's not my life to live | It's not my song to sing | All I have is His | For all eternity

2 It's not my righteousness | It's not my faithfulness
All I have is His | For all eternity

Chorus We will crown Him crown Him King of Glory
Crown Him crown Him Lord of All | Crown Him crown Him King of Glory
Crown Him crown Him Lord of All

3 It's not my war to win | It's not my weight to bear
By His mighty hand | He won the victory

Repeat Chorus

4 It's not my blood but His | That stands in my defense
Oh what love is this | That won the victory

Repeat Chorus

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Scripture Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31
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Sermon *When All Are Welcomed*

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray... 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.

Call for Offering

Friends, our giving is one way of saying thank you to God for what God has given us. It’s an act of gratitude. It is also an act of worship. Just as we present our words in liturgy and song and prayers to God, we present a portion of the fruit of our work to God, our money. May we reflect on what we have been given and respond by giving generously to the work of God through this community.

Today’s Offertory Song *Walk With You*

Benediction

Leader: Go out into the world in peace. **All: Have Courage.**
 Leader: Hold onto what is good. **All: Return no one evil for evil.**
 Leader: Strength the faint-hearted. **All: Support the weak.**
 Leader: Help the suffering. **All: Honor all persons.**
 Leader: Love and serve the Lord.
All: Rejoicing in the poor of the Holy Spirit.

Postlude *Crown Him*

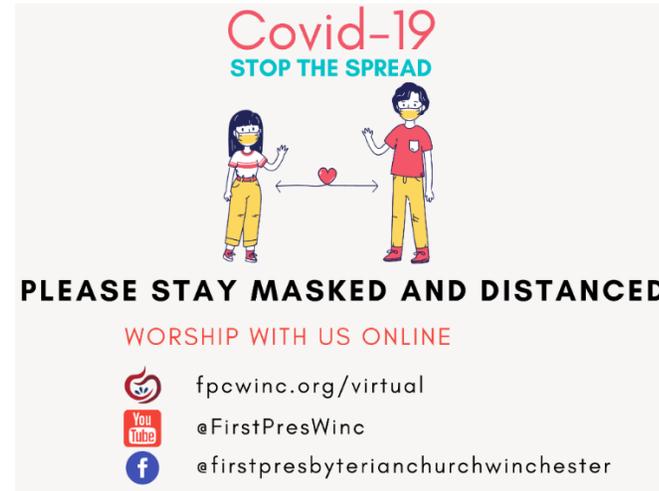
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