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SUPPORT Christian fellowship,  
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**AS WE GATHER** - Paul is talking to himself in today's Epistle, for although he knows what's right, he finds it virtually impossible to do. That's because he (and all of us) have this sickness called sin, for which we ourselves have no antidote. Worse, it keeps producing evil symptoms in our thoughts, words, and deeds. As a result, we are both sick in spirit and tired from struggling. Zechariah foresaw the solution; we can see his prophecy fulfilled as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, there to die for us and rise victorious. In the Gospel, our Lord thanks our heavenly Father for revealing to us that He is indeed the One we need to overcome our sickness of sin. Indeed, thanks to our Savior, as David penned in the psalm, that when people call out to Him, God hears their cry and saves them.

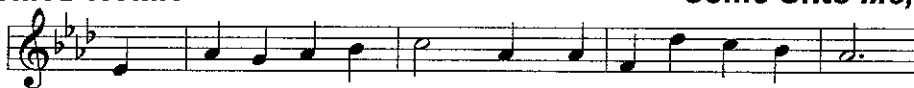
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### WELCOME

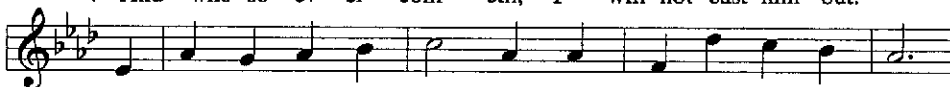
[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

### ♯OPENING HYMN

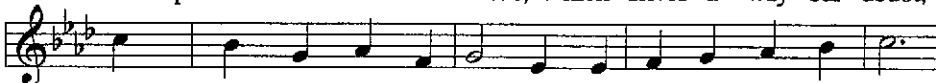
### Come Unto Me, Ye Weary



- 1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
- 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
- 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
- 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!  
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace,  
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;  
The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;  
Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.  
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.  
But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.  
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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## INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Zechariah 9:9

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*  
**C** **Amen.**  
**P** *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!*  
**C** **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**  
**P** *Behold, your king is coming to you;*  
**C** **righteous and having salvation is He.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Matthew 11:28; Romans 7:21, 24*

- P** *By ourselves, we are not righteous and cannot free ourselves; our only hope is to be given Christ's righteousness and thereby be saved. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.*

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and our sinful condition.]

- P** *Merciful God,*  
**C** **I confess to You and in the presence of my brothers and sisters that I daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment. Not only am I by nature sinful and unclean, but also with St. Paul, "I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"**  
**P** *Jesus said, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He offers full and free pardon for all your sins and even your sinful condition. By His death and resurrection, He provides rest, not only from physical turmoil and emotional stress; in Him, we find rest for the soul! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*  
**C** **Amen.**

## INTROIT

*Psalms 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1*

- P** *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High*  
**C** **will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**  
**P** *I will say to the LORD,*  
**C** **"My refuge and my fortress,**  
**P** *my God, in whom I trust."*  
**C** **Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—**  
**P** *the Most High, who is my refuge—*  
**C** **no evil shall be allowed to befall you,**  
**P** *no plague come near your tent.*

**All:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P** *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High*  
**C** **will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

## KYRIE

- P** O Lord,      **C** have mercy on us.  
**P** O Christ,    **C** have mercy on us.  
**P** O Lord,      **C** have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. Amen.

## SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*      **C** And also with you.  
**P** *Let us pray.*

**All:** Lord Jesus, whose yoke is easy and burden light, who has promised that we will find rest for our souls, when we are weary, strengthen our resolve; when disheartened, lift our spirits; and when opposed on all sides, surround us with Your strong love, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*      **C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE LESSON

*Romans 7:14–25a*

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*      **C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA VERSE

*Matthew 11:28*

**All:** Alleluia. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 11:25–30*

- P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.*

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*      **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



- Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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## SERMON

## "NOBODY'S PERFECT"

Romans 7:14-25

- I. All of us struggle with sin, as Paul honestly describes his own struggle.
- II. Thankfully, God gives us Christ's perfect holiness.

## ✠ NICENE CREED

**☐** I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- ☐** *Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ and everyone in their circumstances. Zechariah promised that the coming One would "speak peace to the nations." Lord over all, move the leaders of the world's nations to seek and find common ground so that peace breaks out across borders and displaced persons are able to return to their homes. Protect and guide armed forces deployed abroad and all who keep the peace within their nations and communities. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,*
- ☐** *and there find rest for our souls.*
- ☐** *Psalm 145 proclaims that "Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom," O God, but we also give You thanks for this temporal nation and the blessings You have so graciously bestowed on us through it. Here we have found prosperity and peace; here we may respond to Your love and offer You our thanks and praise. In Your mercy, continue to use the powers that be in this world to give us the freedom we enjoy. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,*
- ☐** *and there find rest for our souls.*
- ☐** *Paul confessed, "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." O Holy Spirit, hear the cries of those trapped in their various addictions, burdened with criminal records, and mired in societies of fear and terror. Surround them with faith-based organizations and compassionate counselors so that they find strength and opportunity to turn their lives around, praising You for gracious deliverance. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,* **☐** *and there find rest for our souls.*
- ☐** *Jesus invited, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Listen to the prayers of those near and dear to us with problems of health or finances or mourning loved ones or failed relationships, [including . . .]. Use medical professionals, trained advisers, and loving neighbors, so that they look forward to the blessings You have in mind for them in Your wisdom and mercy. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,*
- ☐** *and there find rest for our souls.*
- ☐** *Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.* **☐** *Amen.*

## PREFACE

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** *Lift up your hearts.*

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

## SANCTUS

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that  
cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

**C** **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 and ever. Amen.**

### PAX DOMINI

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C** **Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION

**Sacred Interlude**

***“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”* by Jeffrey Bliersch**

**Solo Selection**

***“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”* by Carl Kurth**

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** *Let us pray.*

**All: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

**P** *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.*

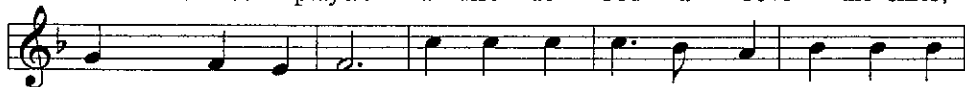
**C** **Amen.**

# CLOSING HYMN

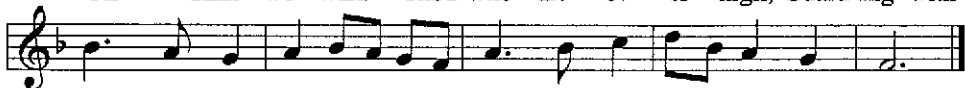
# God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: Noah Wohletz]

## POSTLUDE

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## WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

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Counter..... Carl Kurth  
Organist / Music Director ..... Beth Buss  
Special Music ..... Carl Kurth, Soloist  
Seating Coordinator..... Al Axford  
Service Web Recorder..... Robert Showalter  
Service Live Streaming.....Stuart Ruwet  
Usher ..... Phil Vandre  
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