



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: Variations on "Foundation"

arr. Joseph M. Martin

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is alive and among us now. Even as the light pushes back the dark, so too Jesus Christ has defeated death. Let us worship God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: He was with God in the beginning.

Liturgist: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

All: In him was life, and that life was the light of all people.

Liturgist: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
John 1:1-5

* **All Singing: 374 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"**
Singing verses 1-3

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing:** 529 “Gather Us In”
Singing verses 1–3

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

All: **He was in the world, and though the world was made through him the world did not recognize him.**

Liturgist: He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

Silent Confession and Lament

Liturgist: Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

All: **The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.**

Liturgist: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. *John 1:9-14*

Choir: “My Life is in Your Hands” Kirk Franklin

You don't have to worry, and don't you be afraid,
Joy comes in the morning, troubles, they don't last always.
For there's a friend named Jesus who will wipe your tears away,
and if your heart is broken just lift your hands and say:

Oh, I know that I can make it, I know that I can stand.
No matter what may come my way, my life is in your hands. (repeat to beginning)
With Jesus I can take it, with Him I know I can stand.
No matter what may come my way, my life is in your hands.

So when your tests and trials, they seem to get you down,
and all your friends and loved ones are nowhere to be found,
remember there's a friend named Jesus who will wipe your tears away,
and if your heart is broken just lift your hands and say: (repeat chorus 3 times)

Liturgist: Jesus said, A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

All: **By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**
John 13:34-35

* **All Singing:** 775 “Across the Lands”

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Lord God, we wish to see Jesus. By your Spirit’s power, give us eyes to see his glory. Amen.**
based on John 12:21

Scripture: John 14:1-14

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "The Work of Our Hands"

* **All Singing:** "Your Labor is Not in Vain"

Choir singing first verse and refrain, all joining on verses 2-4

1. Your la - bor is not in _____ vain though the
2. Your la - bor is not un - known though the
3. The vine - yards you plant will bear fruit; the fields
4. The hou - ses you la - bored to build will

3 ground un - der - neath you is cursed and _____ stained. Your
rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan. The
will sing out and re - joice with the _____ truth, for
fin - ally with laugh - ter and joy be _____ filled. The

5 plan - ting and rea - ping are ne - ver the same, but your
place of your toil may not seem like a home, but your
all that is old will at last be made new: the
ser - pent that hurts and de - stroys shall be killed, and

7 la - bor is not _____ in vain. For I am with you, I am with you. I am
la - bor is not _____ un - known
vine - yards you plant _____ will bear fruit.
all that is bro - ken be _____ healed.

11 with you I am with you for I have called you called you by _____

14 name. Your la - bor _____ is not in vain.

Chords: D, A/C#, D/A, G, D, Bm, A, D, Em, D/F#, G, A, D, Bm, A, G, D, A, Bm, G, D, A, D.

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Calvin Christian School

Choir: "I Sing Because I'm Happy"

arr. Rollo A. Dilworth

I sing because I'm happy
I sing because I'm free
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me

I'm so happy, yes I'm so happy, yes I am

* **All Singing:** **374** "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"
Singing verse 4

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing:** **930** "This Little Light of Mine"
Following the lead of the leader

Postlude: "Where He Leads Me"

arr. Todd Beaney

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Iris Bosscher
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg-Sims	Liturgist:	Evelyn Evenhouse
Violinist / Vocalist:	Bethany Keeley-Jonker	Prayer:	Dan Diephouse
Guitar:	Ty Hillegonds		
Bass Guitar:	Clay Carlson		
Percussion:	Henry Evenhouse		
Postlude Pianist:	Dorothy Wassenaar		
Choir Director:	David Baar		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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