

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 3, 2026

On the Path of Celebration

Welcome and Acknowledgement

Mission & Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Happy birthday to you,  
To Jesus be true,  
May God's gracious blessings  
rest always with you.

Announcements

Centring Music Shall We Gather at the River

*tune: Hanson Place; music by Robert Lowry; arranged by Patti Drennan*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Enter into this sanctuary and know  
that you will find care and comfort.

**That is why we are here.**

Enter into this your community with a loving heart  
and with a spirit that is ready to build the kingdom of God.

**That is why we are here.**

Accept care when it comes your way,  
regardless of where your faith journey takes you.

**That is why we are here.**

Even when you encounter trouble, sadness, and rejection,  
know that you are never alone.

**That is why we are here. Thanks be to God!**

Hymn **Let Us Build a House** (More Voices 1, vs. 1, 4 & 5)

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- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive;  
built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Morning Prayer

A Time to Wonder

Anthem Just A Little Talk With Jesus  
*written by Cleavant Derricks and arranged by Paul Mickelson*

We Listen For God's Word

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-40

Reflection "The Magic Wand"

Hymn of the Day **All Things Bright and Beautiful**  
(Voices United 291)

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Music: 17<sup>th</sup> century English melody; adapt. and arr. Martin Shaw 1915  
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*Refrain* All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
in love, God made them all.

- 1 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours,  
God made their tiny wings.
- 2 The purpleheaded mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky;

3 The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden:  
God made them every one; *Refrain*

4 The rocky mountain splendour,  
the lone wolf's haunting call,  
the great lakes and the prairies,  
the forest in the fall;

5 God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God our maker,  
who has made all things well. *Refrain*

We Live Out Our Faith to Love and Serve

Invitation to Offering

Offering Music Wherever You May Go

*David Kai*

Offering Response **Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving**  
(More Voices 185)

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Ev-'ry day is a day of Thanksgiving.  
God, you've been so good to me.  
Ev-'ry day you're blessing me.  
Ev-'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.  
I will glorify you, O my God, today!

Offering Prayer

## Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

### Parting Hymn **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me** (Voices United 575)

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- 1 I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 2 I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

## Benediction

### Postlude Great Is the Lord

*Words & Music: Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith*

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leadership – Glenn Parsons and the CBUC Choir  
Centring Music – Karen Shumka  
Special Music – The Fab Five  
The Life and Work of the Church – Stephen Godfrey  
Lighting of the Christ Candle – The Spirit Kids  
The Spirit Kids Program – Grace Cave and Moira Dennis  
Morning Prayer – Margaret Bates  
Scripture Reader – Kate Insley  
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Alan Priestley  
Greeters – Willa Burke and Joanne Thomas  
Technical Support – Sue Christensen and Karen Clark  
Fellowship Time – Andy and the Queens of Caffeine  
Flowers are offered by Joan and Norman Guild  
in celebration of the lives of their parents,  
Bill and Alice Agnew and Jean and William Guild.