

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

9:00 AM

CONNECTING WITH CHRIST

Prelude

Welcome, Celebration and Concerns

Call to Worship

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

†Hymn 169 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

CLEANSING OUR HEARTS

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Savior, You know the worst that humanity has to offer. You have seen the depths of human sin. Yet, You do not treat us as our sins deserve, instead You seek to redeem our broken hearts and souls. Forgive us when we seek to follow the ways of this world rather than the power of Your redeeming love. Forgive us when we think that You give up on us, because we have given up on ourselves. Remind us that we are the ones You have set free and are truly free to serve and worship You. Help us live in the freedom of Your grace, rather than cling to the chains of our sinfulness. Allow us to capture a vision of Your Holy Spirit that leads us to new life, new living, and new possibilities for all of our relationships. Teach us to seek You and Your righteousness so that we will know Your redeeming power. This we ask in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Choral Response

Hymn 344

“Grace, grace God’s grace; grace that will pardon and cleanse within. Grace, grace, God’s grace; grace that is greater than all our sin.”

RESPONDING TO GRACE

Invitation to the Offering

†Doxology

Hymn 815

†Fourth Stanza of America

Pew Hymnal, page 807

Our Father’s God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

†Hymn 309

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

RECEIVING GOD’S WORD

Scripture

Matthew 6:25-34

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Message

7 Powerful Graces for Living: Seek

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lovelady

CONNECTING WITH LIFE

†Hymn 808

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

†Benediction

†Postlude

†Worshippers are asked to stand, if able