



John Knox Presbyterian Church

May 5, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

*Welcome! Please be seated and prepare
your hearts and minds for worship.*

Christ as The Way, The Truth, The Life Artist: Anonymous
Chapel of Divino Maestro, Mar del Plata, Argentina.

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Arr. Colleen Adent

Words of Welcome

*** Call to Worship**

based on Psalm 31: 1-5, 14-15

Our God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

*** Hymn** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" #169

*** Call to Confession**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon. We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. We become narrow in our quest for truth, and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have made beg us for mercy. Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow you.

** = Standing as able Italics = Leader Bold = People*

* Words of Forgiveness

You are no longer alone - you are God's Beloved. You are not of this world, but residents of God's Kingdom. You, who once had no hope, have been filled with forgiveness.

Each one of us, all of us, have received God's mercy in Christ. Forgiven, redeemed, made whole - we are a people made one in faith. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Sung Response

“We are Standing on Holy Ground”

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Today's Psalm

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

Common English Bible

I take refuge in you, Lord.

Please never let me be put to shame.

Rescue me by your righteousness!

Listen closely to me!

Deliver me quickly;

be a rock that protects me;

be a strong fortress that saves me!

You are definitely my rock and my fortress.

Guide me and lead me for the sake of your good name!

Get me out of this net that's been set for me

because you are my protective fortress.

I entrust my spirit into your hands;

you, Lord, God of faithfulness—

you have saved me.

My future is in your hands.

Don't hand me over to my enemies,

to all who are out to get me!

Shine your face on your servant;

save me by your faithful love!

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Time with Our Young and Growing Ones

Gospel Reading

John 14: 1-14

CEB

“Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. You know the way to the place I'm going.”

Thomas asked, “Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us.”

Jesus replied, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don’t speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Maggie Lewis

*** Hymn**

“Christ, You Are the Savior”
see projection or music handout

Carolyn Winfrey-Gillette

GATHERING AT CHRIST’S TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God of every way be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to the One who is the Truth for God's own people.

We offer them to the One who warms them with love.

Sing praises to God, who is our Life.

Glad songs are offered to the One who provides shelter for us.

You made a way through chaos, Constructing God ...

... we would know and believe in you.

With those who have nothing

and with those who give everything away,

we lift our voices to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God who pulls us to safety.

All creation kneels down to worship you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who shows us the Truth.

Hosanna in the highest!

You shape a safe place for us, Imaginative God ...

... Even as we celebrate the Life which was his,

as we claim the Truth that all are one with you,

we take refuge in that mystery called faith:

Christ died, trusting in God's promises;

God raised him from the dead, promising the same for us;

Christ will come, fulfilling all the promises of God.

Once, we were nobodies, alone and hopeless ...
... God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Words of Institution and Communion Prayer

The Communion of the People

*You will be served the bread and cup in your pew.
When you are served, please hold the elements
until you are invited to partake with everyone in community.
Empty cups may be left in the pews,
placed in the basket on the narthex table,
or returned to the social hall.*

Special Music	“Be Still My Soul”	Jean Sibelius, arr. Colleen Adent
	“When I Survey”	Isaac Watts

Prayer after Communion

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory	“There is a Redeemer”	Melody Green
* Sung Response	“We Lift Our Voices”	#710
* Prayer of Dedication		

Prayers of the People

Response: *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.*

The Lord’s Prayer

SENDING GOD’S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

* Sending Song	“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”	#547
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* Charge and Blessing

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude	“Crown Him with Many Crowns”	Matthew Bridges, 1851
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*Please join us for refreshments and fellowship
in the Social Hall after worship.*

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Pianist: Melissa Terrall

Liturgist: Vallory Bunday

Music Director: Anna Robinson

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