



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

10:15 am Family Contemporary Worship

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is Handbell Choir

arr. Wagner

Worship Song

See a Victory

Furtick, Fielding, Ingram, Brown

Verse 1

The weapon may be formed but it won't prosper
When the darkness falls it won't prevail
'Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph
My God will never fail
My God will never fail

I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord

Verse 2

There's power in the mighty Name of Jesus
Every war He wages He will win
I'm not backing down from any giant

Chorus

I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord
I'm gonna see a victory

I know how this story ends
I know how this story ends

Bridge

You take what the enemy meant for evil
And You turn it for good
You turn it for good

Prayers of the Church

Refrain

***What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King, What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this, What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus***

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation, kneeling, sitting, or standing as you are able.

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. We pray for military personnel and chaplains serving near and far.

Giver of joy, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love and we sing...

(Refrain)

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way, especially those on our congregational prayer list and those we name aloud at this time...

(We now invite you to speak aloud the names of those for whom you are praying.)

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and we sing our Amen.

(Refrain)

(Please be seated)

Holy Baptism of Erik Berkman

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Erik Berkman, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Erik and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection, you set us free from the power of sin and death and raised us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Baptism

P: Erik Berkman, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Erik with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Welcome

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized and rejoice with those making public affirmation of baptism.

C: **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

(Children may head out for C&C Kids)

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**



This Week's Story: Paul's Conversion
Icebreaker Question: What would you do if you didn't have TV?

C&C KIDS
Pre-K through 3rd Grade

Welcome Home and Announcements *(See back page for additional announcements.)*

THE WORD

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

John 14:15-21

[[Jesus said to the disciples:]] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Matt Simpkins

THANKSGIVING

Anthem

If Ye Love MeWilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, That He may abide with you forever; E'en the Spirit, e'en the Spirit, e'en the Spirit, the Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Offertory Hymn

674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Linstead



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

COMMUNION

Come to the Table— Everyone's Invited!

Holy Communion is a celebration of Christ's love, shared through His body and blood. If you're hungry for His presence, this meal is for you! We commune by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into wine or grape juice. Need grape juice or gluten-free options? No problem—the assistant will gladly help you out. Kids are welcome, too! Just let the assistant know if your child will be receiving Communion or would prefer a special blessing. We're so glad you're here—let's share this joyful moment together!

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Our Father, who is of heaven,
Holy is your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done

OR

On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
and deliver us from evil
For yours is the kingdom
And the power, and the glory
now and forever, Amen.

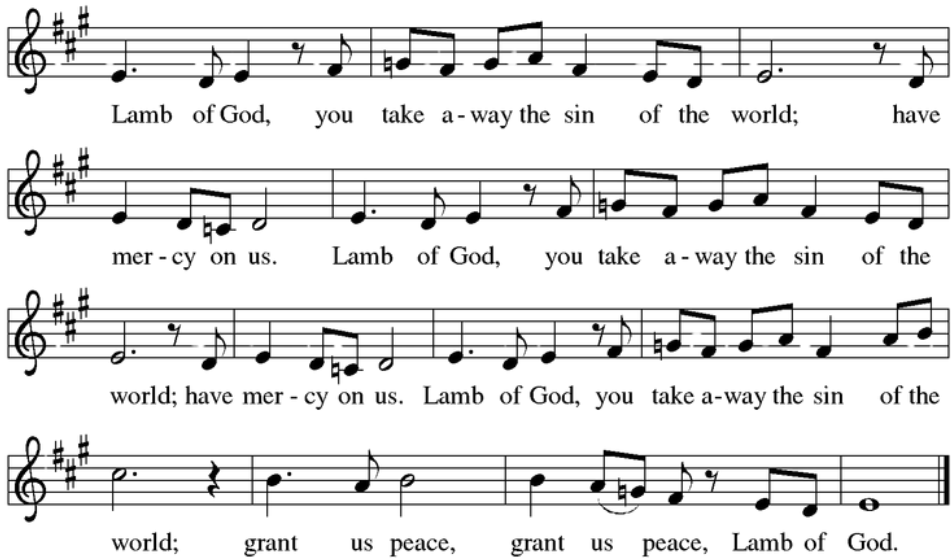
Welcome to the Table

P: Come now and feast on the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song

Hunger for You

Cross & Crown Youth

Verse 1

Lord, we are hungry.
We don't understand what you're doing.
You told us you'll be gone.
What will we do without you?

Chorus 1

Why Lord why do you have to go?
Where will you be when we need you?
We'll miss your hand on our shoulders.
We hunger for you....we hunger for you (x2)

Verse 2

Lord we are thirsty
We need your living water
We're done with wandering
Show us the path to your well

Chorus 2

Why Lord why do you have to go?
Where will you be when we need you
We'll miss your hand on our shoulders.
We're thirsty for you....we're thirsty for you (x2)

Bridge

You are the wine, you are the bread
Thirsty no more, we will be fed. (x2)

Chorus 3

We know why you have to go
You're always there when we need you..
Your hand will light our darkness.
The world hungers for you.
The world thirsts for you. (Bridge)

The Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit,

our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

Higher

Simpkins

Verse 1

It's harder and harder to walk in this mud

Where I lost everything but my name

Dig me up and out of this mess

Set my feet on solid ground

Pre-Chorus

You alone are worthy

You alone are God

You alone are my refuge

So run, run to me

Chorus

Your love is lifting me higher

Your love is lifting me higher

Your love is lifting me higher

Your love is, Your love is

Verse 2

I built this darkness all around

Took my hope and buried it deep

I lost everything you gave me

It wasted me, now I see

Pre-Chorus

You alone are worthy

You alone are God

You alone are my refuge

So run, run to me

Chorus

Your love is lifting me higher

Your love is lifting me higher

Your love is lifting me higher

Your love is, Your love is

Tag

For I am convinced that there is

Nothing that can separate

From your love, your love, your love

For I am convinced that there is

Nothing that can separate

From your love, your love, your love

Chorus

Your love is lifting me higher

Your love is lifting me higher

Your love is lifting me higher

The Doxology (sung a capella)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Sending

L: Please read the sending with me.

L: Go in peace and share Cross and Crown's mission with the world.

C: **Following Jesus, loving and serving all!**