

APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> 2024  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

## IF YOU ARE ONLINE

We're glad that you are with us today! We hope that you will share your prayers and participation in the chat during worship.

## IF YOU ARE IN THE SANCTUARY

We're glad you're here! Please let our ushers know if there is anything that you need.

**Live-Stream:** Please note that our services are recorded, broadcast live, and a recording is made publicly available on YouTube. If you wish to sit off camera during service, please speak to an usher. Our pastor can bring communion to your seat. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers.

**For families:** We have a kids' play area in the back of the sanctuary, and an enclosed family play room is open near the main sanctuary doors. Families are welcome to use both spaces during worship, and should feel free to move about as needed. Kids in the family play room must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**COVID 19:** We continue to support immunocompromised community members. Masks are no longer required, but are always welcome. We encourage you to do what you feel is best to care for yourself and others. Some worshippers prefer to maintain social distance, so please respect others space and personal boundaries during service.

## SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY:

<b>Pastor</b>	Kristofer Rhude
<b>Deacon</b>	Skye Gordineer
<b>Reader</b>	Adrianna Herrera
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sarah Janigian & Kay Miller
<b>Choir Director</b>	Rey Lambatin
<b>Accompanist</b>	Daniel Thomas

*We always welcome new lay leaders to participate in service! If you would like to join the rotation of deacons, readers, altar guild, ushers, or prayer writers, please talk with Pr. Kris or the person who was volunteering in that position this week. No experience or special knowledge is needed!*

## WELCOME

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

All **Amen.**

Pastor Look, here is water!

All **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Pastor Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

All **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Pastor At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Pastor Look, here is water!

All **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

# GATHERING SONG • THERE IN GOD'S GARDEN



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man -  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending  
 this my resurrection;  
 into your hands, Lord,  
 I commit my spirit.  
 This have I searched for;  
 now I can possess it.  
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion  
 offers in mercy  
 healing, strength, and pardon.  
 Peoples and nations,  
 take it, take it freely!"  
 Amen! My Master!

## GREETING

Pastor The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
 the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

# KRYIE AND SONG OF PRAISE

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All



Leader For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

All



Leader For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of Christ, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

All



Leader For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

All



Leader Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

All



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al -  
 le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
 strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his. This is the  
 feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -  
 ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the  
 hymn of all cre - a - tion; Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might to -  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb, the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. This is the  
 feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al -  
 le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deacon      Let us pray,  
                 O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All            **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Reader      A reading from Acts, the eighth chapter.

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
                 and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
                 so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

                 Who can describe his generation?

                 For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and

the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader Word of God, Word of Light.  
All Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

Reader I invite you to join me in reading the 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm responsively.

Reader <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

All <sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**  
**Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

Reader <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

All <sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the Lord,**  
**who rules over the nations.**

Reader <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

All <sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the Lord,**  
**whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

Reader <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"



## SECOND READING

Reader A reading from First John, the fourth chapter.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader Word of God, Word of Light.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia.

## GOSPEL READING

Reader The Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reader [Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Reader The Gospel of our Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated*

## SERMON

*Pr. Kristofer Rhude*

## SONG OF THE DAY • WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

*After each petition, the deacon will pray; "Merciful God," and the congregation is invited to respond: "hear our prayer."*

Deacon      Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
                  trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living  
                  Lord.

All            **Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor        The peace of Christ be with you all.

All            **And also with you.**

*We encourage you to share a sign of peace with respect to the concerns and boundaries of others. Giving your neighbor the peace sign and tell them “Peace be with you” or putting your hand on your heart and saying “God’s peace be with you” are two of many options for sharing a sign of peace.*

## OFFERING

*God has dealt abundantly with us. We practice that abundance by relinquishing our gifts and wealth as a sign of trust that through relationship, God continues to deal abundantly with the whole human family. Our collected offerings proclaim that abundance through our shared mission. If you would like to join this community in mission, you may drop an offering in the plates being passed, give online at [www.cgsllc.org/donate](http://www.cgsllc.org/donate), or use the Venmo QR code on the final page of this bulletin.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

# OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

*Please rise in body or in spirit*



2

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, — fill to the brim our  
cup of — bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; — u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. — Grace our ta - ble with your pres-ence, and  
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Deacon Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,  
All ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

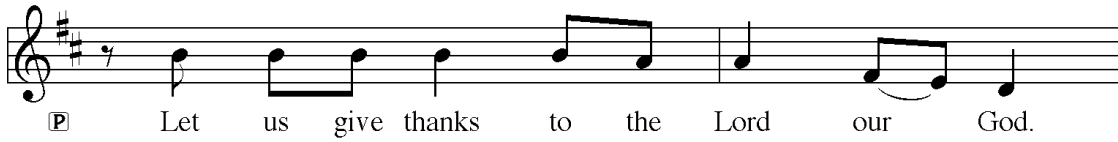
# GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



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



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

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... (*Pastor continues*) ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Pastor

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Grace our table with your presence.

All

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

All

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

All

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to pray in the language of your own choosing.*

Our God, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kin-dom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kin-dom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

*Please be seated*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Just as Christ welcomes all people, all people are welcome at Christ's table here at CGS. We invite you to share holy communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, physical ability or mental health.*

*There are gluten free wafers for those who need them; please just ask the pastor when you go forward. The small cups contain red wine and white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, just let the pastor know when you come forward. Take your time! Ask the pastor or communion server if you have any questions or needs.*



## LAMB OF GOD

Musical score for 'Lamb of God' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mer - cy on us, have — mer - cy. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mercy on us, have — mer - cy. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.'

## NOTHING CAN TROUBLE

Musical score for 'Nothing Can Trouble' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.'

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who  
seek the Lord re - jice, re jice and bear Christ's  
ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your prom - is -  
es, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Deacon Let us pray. Life-giving God,  
All in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us  
forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to  
all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

All **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG – LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

*Music on following page*

## DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Annual Meeting: TODAY after worship**

Our annual congregational meeting to elect officers of the church will take place today after worship. We will break for refreshments and then return to the sanctuary for the meeting.

### **Spring Adult Education: Outside our Doors – Community Organizing & the Church**

Join us for six Wednesdays beginning this Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm for our next adult education where we will explore together how our church can broaden our service outside our doors by using community organizing tools. We will engage with each other and host guest speakers including a professional community organizer and local lay leaders involved in organizing efforts. Throughout, we will discuss the possibility of CGS becoming a partner with a local community organizing group which is launching this fall.

### **Troop 260 Garage Sale**

The Scout Troop hosted by CGS will be holding their annual garage sale on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 7am to noon in the Meridian Avenue lot. If you'd like to contribute items to the sale, you are invited to drop them off in the Great Hall between 5-6 pm on Friday, May 3.

### **Silicon Valley Sponsoring Committee Community Organizing Meeting, 5/5, 3 - 4:30pm**

CGS will be hosting a general meeting of the Silicon Valley Sponsoring Committee, an emerging community organizing group of religious congregations in Santa Clara County. Participants in the spring adult education class are especially encouraged to attend, but for interested folks who cannot make the class, this is a great way to experience some on-the-ground faith-based community organizing right here in our neighborhood!

### **God's Work Our Hands Sunday – Coordinators Needed**

The ELCA coordinates a national day of service each year. As a church, we engage in acts of service at all times of year, but for denominational unity the ELCA encourages us all to join in one of our projects on the same day. This year's will be Sunday, 9/8. We are looking for coordinators, including discerning what service project we'd like to embark on. If you're willing to join a team to coordinate a September service project, please speak with Pr. Kris.

### **For more information:**

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**Let All Things Now Living**

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