

# EASTER SEASON

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Psalm 100

Come, all the earth, and praise the Lord.  
Be joyful and sing, for the Lord is good.  
God's mercy is forevermore; Oh come, be joyful, praise the Lord.  
Come, serve the Lord with grateful hearts.  
Be thankful and sing, for the Lord is good.  
God's truth will never, never fail;  
Oh come, be thankful, serve the Lord.  
You know the Lord is God who made us,  
and we are God's, the sheep of God's pasture.  
Let us sing an alleluia! Give thanks to God and bless God's name.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit is coming to bless the world with a new song.

**Come, Holy Spirit -  
make our joy be complete!**

Gifts for the good of all,  
will be poured out on all to teach us a new song.

**Come, Holy Spirit -  
help us love one another!**

Strangers and neighbors,  
foreigners and family will join in the new song:

**Come, Holy Spirit -  
help us make a joyful noise!**

Come, let us sing a new song to the Lord!

## HYMN 19 | STANDING

God of Great and God of Small

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful God,  
you know our hearts and you know our lives.  
We confess to you that which causes separation,  
that which causes pain,  
that which causes distress,  
and that which breaks down.  
We confess to you our part in those things.  
And we ask for your help to do better,  
to reconcile,  
to heal,  
to soothe,  
to build up,  
so we may love you and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for personal confession.*

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, the good news is this:  
love is from God, and we are loved by God.  
God sent Christ into the world to show us love,  
and in him we are forgiven.  
Be at peace.

## RESPONSE

Jesu, Jesu

Je - su, \_\_\_ Je - su, \_\_\_ fill us with your love, show  
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



## WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 10:44-48

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

PSALM


I Will Sing the Lord a New Song



I will sing the Lord a new\_ song, a new\_ song.




I will sing God's prais - es while I live.



I will sing God's prais - es for - ev - er - more.



1. Sing God a new song, make it loud and clear.  
 2. Sing God a new song, for all he's done.  
 3. Sing God a new song, spread God's love a - round.



Sing God a new song for all the world to hear.  
 Sing God a new song, help to make us one.  
 Sing God a new song, make a joy - ful sound!

THE GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Children remain in worship on the First Sunday of each month to celebrate communion with their families.*

SERMON

“Friends”

Rev. Paul Gilmore

## CHORAL RESPONSE

Love One Another

Love one another as I have loved you.  
And care for each other as I have cared for you.  
And bear one another's burdens,  
and share each other's joys,  
and love one another,  
and bring each other home.  
Forgive each other here, as I've forgiven you.  
Be friend to each one here, as I've been friend to you.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of life...  
**hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER | STANDING

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Peace, Salaam, Shalom**

## BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

# TABLE

## CENTSABILITY COLLECTION / OFFERING

*After the offering, the congregation stands and sings "We Are One in the Spirit"  
as the bread and juice are brought forward to the Lord's Table.*



1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2. All\_\_ praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all good things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, the Be - lov - ed\_\_ One,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who\_ makes all things one:



And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.\_\_\_\_\_

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE | STANDING

This is the table of our risen Lord -  
where Jesus is both guest and host,  
where strangers are neighbors  
and everyone is welcome.  
Come, when you are fearful,  
to be made new in love.  
Come, when you are doubtful,  
to be made strong in faith.  
Come, when you are regretful,  
to be made whole.  
Whether you have come here often,  
or seldom,  
or this is your first time,  
come and celebrate this holy feast this Easter season,  
because Jesus is here  
and invites us to join him in the banquet.

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

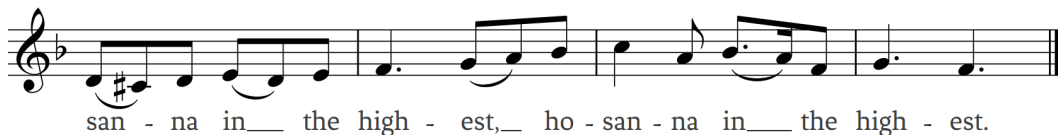
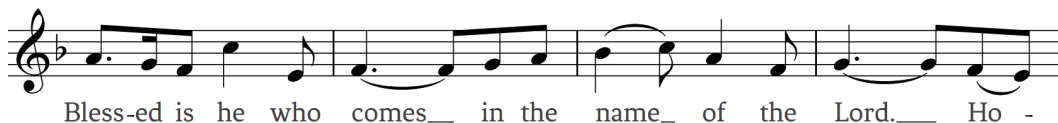
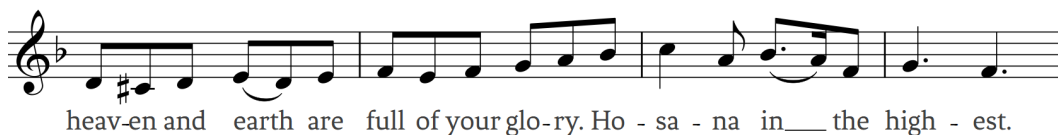
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**  
Creator of the cosmos,  
Breath of heaven,  
Lover of us all,  
you are our praise, our life, our joy.  
You are there  
through desert wanderings and willful murmurings,  
rebellious running and tears of complaint.

You are there  
when sorrow becomes our daily food;  
you rescue us from ruin and anoint us with blessing.

Rising Sun,  
Soaring Spirit,  
Radiant Lord,  
you are there  
in stable and temple,  
river and hillside,  
cross and tomb  
and even beyond the grave.

You are there in shining glory,  
overcoming death and welcoming us to life.

With all creation,  
we sing a new song of praise to you...





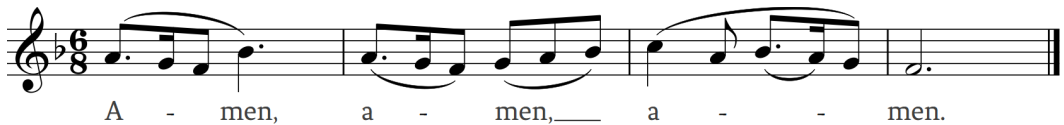
You meet us in the breaking of bread,  
you pour out the wine of salvation;  
you feed us with grace and overwhelm us with love.

By your Spirit,  
make these gifts  
your body and your blood.

By your Spirit,  
make us one  
with you and with each other.

By your Spirit,  
make us strong  
that we might share your love  
with your blessed and broken world.

Fount of mercy,  
Fire of justice,  
dearest Friend,  
bind us to you and send us out  
to seek and serve and sing your praise,  
until you gather us up in glory  
and bright, unending song.



*The congregation is seated.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*Please come forward by the center aisle to receive communion.*

*Once you have received, please return by the side aisles,  
placing your cups in the baskets provided*

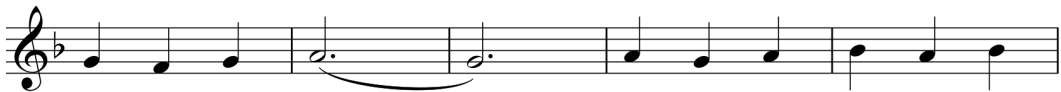
The bread of life ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**  
The cup of salvation ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

## COMMUNION SONG

Come to the Table of Grace



1. Come to the ta - ble of grace. \_\_\_\_\_ Come to the



ta - ble of grace. \_\_\_\_\_ This is God's ta - ble; it's



not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Come to the table of peace...
3. Come to the table of love...
4. Come to the table of hope...
5. Come to the table of joy...

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God,  
at this feast of love  
we have been fed the bread of life  
and the cup of salvation.  
May this holy communion  
help us to live lives that reflect your love  
shown to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

# SENDING

HYMN | STANDING

Filled With the Spirit's Power



1. Filled with the Spir - it's pow'r, with one ac - cord  
2. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,  
3. Wid - en our love, good Spir - it, to em - brace



the in - fant church con - fessed its ris - en Lord.  
that u - ni - ty may be our great de - sire.  
the peo - ple of all lands and ev - 'ry race.



O Ho - ly Spir - it, in the church to - day  
Give joy and peace, give faith to hear your call,  
Like wind and fire, with life a - mong us move,



a - gain your pow'r of fel - low - ship dis - play.  
and read - i - ness in each to work for all.  
till we are known as Christ's, filled with his love.

CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

RECESSIONAL | STANDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org). Sign up at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org) to receive our weekly email.*



### OFFERING

- Scan QR code
- Offering plate in worship
- Online at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org)

### PANCAKES AND PENTECOST: MAY 19

Mark your calendar! We will celebrate Pentecost with a pancake breakfast on May 19 following worship. The proceeds will help fund our Youth Mission Trip to Minneapolis this summer.

### GRADUATION SUNDAY: MAY 19

We will be recognizing all our graduates in worship on May 19. If your family has a student graduating from high school or college this year, please let Nancy Holly know so they can be included.

## SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeter: Liz Berwander

Ushers: Charlie Reis and Ryan Reise

Lectors: Andy Langan, Kathy Fink

Prayer Leader: Kathy Fink

Elements: Ella and Annabelle Witt

Servers: Bill McNair, Amy Schutz,

Andy Langan, Phyllis Beattie

Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch,

Shannon McMullen, Kyra Kornfeld,

Warren Oja

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