

**Knox & St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 7, 2023**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

God is our Rock and our Fortress.

**In God, we find refuge and strength.**

God's house has many dwelling places.

**We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Christ himself has gone to prepare a place for us.

**For us, Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. So let us  
worship God in Spirit and in Truth.**

**Hymn 483 Glorious things of thee are spoken**

**1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,**

**Zion, city of our God;**

**One whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for a strong abode.**

**On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?**

**With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.**

**2. See the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.**

**Who can faint while such a river  
ever will their thirst assuage?**

**Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.**

**3. Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear,  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.**

**Thus they march, the pillar leading  
light by night and shade by day  
daily on the manna feeding  
which God gives them when they pray.**

**4. Saviour, since of Zion's city  
we, through grace, a part may claim,**

let the world deride or pity,  
we will glory in thy name.  
Fading is all worldly pleasure,  
all its boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.

**Prayer of Praise**      *(minister)*

**Hymn 767 Lord, speak to me**

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let me seek  
your erring children lost and lone.

2. Oh lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
the wandering and the wavering feet;  
oh feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

3. Oh teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
the precious truths that you impart,  
and wing my words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4. Oh fill me with your fullness, Lord,  
until my heart shall overflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.

5. Oh use me, Lord, use even me  
just as you will, and when, and where,  
until at last your face I see,  
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

**Prayer of Confession (congregation)**

Gracious God, we confess we know Christ is the way, the truth, and the life but we haven't always followed him. We haven't always believed his truth nor lived the life he offers. We seem to prefer to make our own way, decide what to believe, and live a life that puts us first. Forgive us for the ways we have ignored what we know to be true.

- silent confession -

## **The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)**

**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, the power, and the glory. For ever  
and ever. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** *(minister)*

**Hymn 357 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds**

- 1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear;  
it soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds  
and drives away our fear.**
- 2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.**
- 3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding place,  
my never-failing treasury,  
filled with boundless stores of grace.**
- 4. Jesus, my shepherd, guardian, friend,  
my prophet, priest, and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end:  
accept the praise I bring.**
- 5. How weak the effort of my heart,  
how cold my warmest thought,  
but when I see thee as thou art  
I'll praise thee as I ought.**
- 6. Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath,  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.**

## Responsive Reading Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 p. 564 NT & Psalms

<sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.**

**Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.**

<sup>3</sup> You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

<sup>4</sup> **take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.**

<sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

<sup>15</sup> **My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

<sup>16</sup> **Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.**

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### Scripture Lessons:

Acts 7:55-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God!***

### Sermon Building material

### Prayers of the People *(minister)*

### Hymn 363 All hail the power of Jesus' name

**1. All hail the power of Jesus' name;  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem to  
crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.**

**2. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and  
crown him, crown him, crown him,**

**crown him Lord of all.**

**3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.**

**4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and  
crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.**

**5. Let every tribe and every tongue,  
responsive to the call,  
lift high the universal song, and  
crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.**

## **Offering Announcement**

### **Prayer of Dedication (congregation)**

**Generous God, we bless you for life renewed through Christ's  
love and through springtime growth in fields and gardens.  
Use the gifts we offer to bring hope and renewal to the  
world you love in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.  
Amen.**

### **Hymn 479 The church's one foundation**

**1. The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation  
by water and the word;  
from heaven he came and sought us  
that we might ever be  
his living servant people,  
by his own death set free.**

**2. Called forth from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
our charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth,  
one holy name professing**

**and at one table fed,  
to one hope we are pressing,  
by Christ's own Spirit led.**

**3. Though with a scornful wonder  
the world sees us oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
But soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.**

**4. 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
our longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.**

**5. We now on earth have union  
with God the Three-in-One,  
and share, through faith, communion  
with those whose rest is won,  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.**

**Benediction**