



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People

Vista Revelation 21:1



May 18th, 2025 | Worship 10 am
Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Time Here? Thank you for coming!

Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for fellowship & coffee in Bowen Hall after service today.

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins, a hearing loop and hearing assist devices are available from the sound system tech.

Tip for the Service

*Asterisk means please stand if able.
The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation.

Children with you?

Activity materials for young
worshippers are in the entry way and
the kids table in the back of our
Sanctuary. Sunday school begins
after the Gathering of the Children in
the worship service.
Cry Room open at back of church,
please ask an Usher.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Ten Thousand Angels" Ray Overholt arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT "It Is Well With My Soul" Horatio Spafford
The Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP- LITANY (adapted from Psalm 148)

Praise God from the heavens!

Praise Him from the skies above!

Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!

Praise Him, sun and moon, and shining stars!

Praise God, all creatures great and small,

Praise Him, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!

Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere,

Praise Him, men and women, young and old!

Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord,
at whose word creation came into being.

We gather to praise and worship our God!

HYMN #366 (vs 1,2) "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" Rowland H.Prichard

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (based on Psalm 139)

All-knowing God, We gather together with praise and thanksgiving
for who You are, and for all that You have done for us.

**You know us better than we know ourselves—
all our thoughts and actions— and yet You love us.**

No matter where we go or what we do, Your love encircles us—ahead and
behind— gently leading and guiding and blessing.
We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence in our lives.

**May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together—
examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess,
challenge us with Your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life.**

For we are Your people, called by Your name. **Amen.**

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Behold: there is a new heaven, a new earth and a new city,
where the river of life flows, where the tree of life bears fruit in every season.
This heaven, this city, this river, this tree are a vision of your life
reborn, restored, and renewed.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen Amen

CALL FOR OFFERING

Pat Silva

OFFERTORY

"Air on the G String"

J.S. Bach

(click to donate)



*DOXOLOGY #606 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN #240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Donald Fishel

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 148

Pat Silva

This is the word of the LORD! **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

"Footsteps"

Craig Courtney

The Chancel Choir

Footsteps

I see His footsteps in the way,
And follow them through darkest night,
Unafraid, I stumble not,
In the glow of perfect light,
I see.

I walk in footsteps of His love,
And find His light leads on before,
Then He gently turns to me,
Softly whispers, "trust Me more,"
I walk.

Then as I follow in His way,
My path ahead will brightly shine,
For in His path of guiding light,
I find His footsteps first,
Then mine.

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 21:1-6

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "A Hopeful Vision" Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

*HYMN #384 "Soon and Very Soon" Andre Crouch

Verse 1

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Verse 2

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Verse 3

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (based on Revelation 21)

We have hope. God gives us a hopeful vision!

We pray for those who are lonely.

We hope in the promise that the home of God will be among people:
that God will dwell with us, that we will be his people and that God himself
will be with us. We pray and mention in our hearts those we know who are
lonely.

Pause

Lord you said, See, I am making all things new.

Amen, make all things new!

We pray for those who are crying;
the sad, the depressed and the anxious.

We hope in the promise that God will wipe every tear from our eyes.

We mention in our hearts those we know who are sad and who know tears.

Pause

Lord you said, See, I am making all things new.

Amen, make all things new!

We pray for those who are experiencing the consequences of death,
the bereaved and those who are mourning.

We hope in the promise that death and mourning will be no more.

We mention in our hearts those we know
who are affected by death and mourning

Pause

Lord you said, See, I am making all things new.

Amen, make all things new!

We pray for those who are in pain,

suffering from illness either physical or mental.

We hope in the promise that crying and pain will be no more.

We mention in our hearts those we know who are ill or in pain.

Pause

Lord you said, See, I am making all things new.

Amen, make all things new!

We pray for those who are thirsty for truth, love and grace;

those who seek God and life with earnest hearts.

We hope in the promise that God will give water to the thirsty
from the spring of the water of life.

We mention in our hearts those we know who hunger and thirst for God.

Pause

Lord you said, See, I am making all things new.

Amen, make all things new!

Lord, your words are trustworthy and true.

You are the Alpha and the Omega,

the beginning and the end.

We pray all this in the powerful and hopeful name of Jesus Christ, who

taught us to pray saying: **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, Amen.**

*HYMN #716 Tune: BEACHSPRING

"God, Whose Love is Always Stronger" by Caroline Winfrey Gillette

God, whose love is always stronger than our weakness, pride and fear,
In your world, we pray and wonder how to be more faithful here.

Hate too often grows inside us; fear rules what the nations do.

So we pray, when wars divide us: give us love, Lord! Make us new!

Love is patient, kind and caring, Never arrogant or rude,

Never boastful, all things bearing; Love rejoices in the truth.

When we're caught up in believing war will make the terror cease,

Show us Jesus' way of living; May our strength be in your peace.

May our faith in you be nourished; May your churches hear your call.

May our lives be filled with courage as we speak your love for all.

Now emboldened by your Spirit who has given us new birth, give us love,
that we may share it till your love renews the earth!

POSTLUDE

"March"

G.F. Handel

*Reference: Prayer of the People ~ written by Sara Hargreaves, and posted on
EngageWorship.org. <http://engageworship.org/>*

PASTOR: Rev. Cynthia Alloway LITURGIST: Pat Silva

MUSIC: Carol Menke, The Chancel Choir, along with Althea Wright, accompanist

*AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM : Phil Goede, Damaris Hamilton, DJ Maxwell-
Kellam, Josh Lim, Norm Smith, Nico Wycoff*

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**Congregational
Meeting**



Sunday, June 1st 11:00am-

Quick CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!

Please stay after service FOR A QUICK

Congregational meeting to elect a new head of
our Nominating Committee.