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*Reaching Others (through) Active Discipleship*  
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**April 28, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**9:30 a.m.**

*This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

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**Prelude**                    **"What a Beautiful Name It Is"** by: Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood  
refer to page 6 for lyrics

**Welcome**            You are invited to text your celebrations and prayer concerns to  
262-696-9157 to be lifted up later in the service.

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

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

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. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song**

***“Death Was Arrested”***

by: Adam Kersh, Brandon Coker, Heath Balltzglier, Paul Taylor Smith

**Verse 1** Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin,  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in,  
When death was arrested and my life began

**Verse 2** Ash was redeemed only beauty remains,  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance,  
When death was arrested and my life began

**\*CHORUS\*** Oh Your grace so free washes over me,  
You have made me new now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us,  
You have made us new now life begins with You

**Verse 3** Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more,  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He canceled my debt and He called me His friend,  
When death was arrested and my life began. **REPEAT \*CHORUS\***

**Verse 4** Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross,  
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand,  
That's when death was arrested and my life began. **REPEAT \*CHORUS\***

**Bridge** Oh we're free free forever we're free,  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes we're free free forever amen,  
When death was arrested and my life began **(Repeat)**

## Prayer of the Day

**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. Amen.**

**Children's Blessing/Noisy Offering**

Pastor Kim

**Children's Sending Song**     *"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"*

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## Reading

**1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 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. 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. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 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.

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. 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. We love because he first loved us. 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. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. I am the vine, you are the branches.

**Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

**John 15:1-8**

(Before the reading) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

(After the reading) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor Kimberly Jordan

## Song of the Day/Offering *"The Wonderful Cross"*

**Verse 1**      When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride

**Verse 2**      See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown

**\*CHORUS\***    O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live  
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

**Verse 3**      Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine, Demands my soul my life my all  
**Repeat \*Chorus\* 2x**

## **Apostles' Creed**

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## **Prayers of the Faithful**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**Peace**      *Please extend the peace of Christ to your neighbor in a safe way.*

## **Communion Liturgy**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

## **Words of Institution**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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## **Invitation to Communion**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

## **Welcome**

*We welcome to the Lord's Table Declan Kelly, who has completed his instruction about the Sacrament of Holy Communion and will be receiving the meal for the first time today. Congratulations on this milestone in your life of faith.*

Let us pray. **Generous God, thank you for bringing Declan to your table. As you have claimed him in Holy Baptism, feed him with your love and give him a continuing hunger to live lives of love, forgiveness and justice. This we pray in the name of the One who is always with us, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## **Distribution**

*The ushers will direct you. Please take an empty cup from the tray.*

*Filled cups contain juice. Place your used cup in the basket near the altar.*

*Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

**"Lamb of God"**

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**Distribution Song “What a Beautiful Name It Is”** by: Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood

**Verse 1** You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation, Now revealed in You our Christ

**\*Chorus 1\*** 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.

**Verse 2** You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

**\*Chorus 2\*** What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King, What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this, What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus, What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

**Bridge** Death could not hold You, The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave, The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory, For You are raised to life again

**Bridge 2** You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign, Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names

**\*Chorus 3\*** What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King, What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against, What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

**Ending** What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

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**Communion Blessing and Prayer**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

## Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## Announcements

**Sending Song**      *"I Will Follow You"* by: Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan

**Verse 1**      All Your ways are good, All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone, Higher than my sight  
High above my life, I will trust in You alone

**\*CHORUS\***    Where You go I'll go, Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move, I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love, How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow (You)

**Interlude**    Yeah I will follow You yeah

**Verse 2**      Light into the world, Light into my life  
I will live for You alone, You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find, All I need in You alone, In You alone **Repeat \*CHORUS\***

**Bridge**      In You there's life everlasting, In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy, And I will follow **Repeat \*CHORUS\***

**Ending**      Yeah I will follow You, yeah I will follow You, yeah I will follow You yeah  
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## Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord—On the ROAD with Jesus!

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**Special thanks to our Praise Band**

**Vocalists:** Tyler Earnest  
**Bass:** Nic Buendia  
**Percussion:** Paul Westfahl

**Thank you to our Lay Ministers**

<b>Ushers</b>	Beth Earnest & Lynn Meyer		
<b>Greeter</b>	Dave & JoDee Sattler	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Barb Maloney
<b>Reader</b>	Barb Maloney	<b>Acolytes</b>	Jackson Piper
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Eduardo Bacelis	<b>Live Stream Tech</b>	
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Brad & Julia Piper	<b>Treat Provider</b>	

**This Week at Church of the Resurrection**

Sunday, April 28	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion *Service will also be Live Streamed* First Communion - Declan Kelly Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Serenity Inns Meal - The Thalacker Family
	5:00 pm	Joyful Praise Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Confirmation
Monday, April 29	6:30 pm	FYI - Youth Meeting
Wednesday, May 1	6:30 pm	Christian Education Team Meeting
Thursday, May 2	6:30 am	Morning Bible Study at Creole Café
	5:45 pm	Resurrection Ringers Bells Practice
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Practice
Sunday, May 5	9:30 am	Confirmation Service with Holy Communion *Service will also be Live Streamed* Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Joyful Praise Rehearsal

