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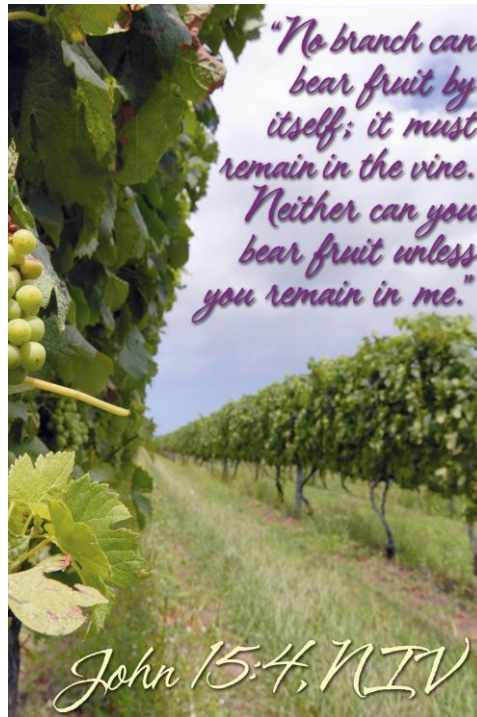
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Contemporary Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

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Praise Chorus

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2024 Congregational Watchword -

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have because God has said never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Hebrew 13:5

2024 Theme - Where is God calling us to go?

Welcome

Opening Reading

Gathering Song "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are, to worship.

Come, just as you are, before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those

Who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Oh, come. Just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God. Come.
One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.
One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.
Come...

Watchword

Hebrew 13:5

- L: Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have;
- C: **For God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."**

Call to Worship

Psalms 22:25-31

- L: From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- C: **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**
- L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- C: **For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**
- L: 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.
- C: **Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

L: They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Song

"At Your Name"

At Your name the mountains shake and crumble
At Your name the oceans roar and tumble
At Your name angels will bow
The earth will rejoice your people cry out
Lord of all the earth we shout Your name, shout Your name
Filling up the skies with endless praise, endless praise
Yahweh, Yahweh, We love to shout Your name, oh Lord
At Your name the morning breaks in glory
At Your name creation sings Your story
At Your name angels will bow
The earth will rejoice Your people cry out
Lord of all the earth we shout Your name, shout Your name
Filling up the skies with endless praise, endless praise
Yahweh, Yahweh, We love to shout Your name, oh Lord
There is no one like our God, We will praise you, praise you
There is no one like our God, We will sing, we will sing
There is no one like our God, We will praise you, praise you
There is no one like our God, We will sing, we will sing
There is no one like our God, We will praise you, praise you
Jesus you are God, We will sing
Lord of all the earth, We shout Your name, shout Your name
Filling up the skies with endless praise, endless praise
Yahweh, Yahweh we love to shout Your name
Lord of all the earth, We shout Your name, shout Your name
Filling up the skies, With endless praise, endless praise
Yahweh, Yahweh, We love to shout Your name, oh Lord
Yahweh, Yahweh, We love to shout Your name, oh Lord

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

C: **Amen.**

L: Look, here is water!

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

L: 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!

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

L: 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.

C: **Amen.**

L: Look, here is water!

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

Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace & Offering
Offertory & Special Music

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Pew Bible pg. 777

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Pew Bible pg. 863

Song of the Day

"I Stand Amazed"

I see the stars that You have made
I know You call them each by name
To think Father God whom heaven displays
Is thinking of me in intimate ways
I stand amazed in all of Your glory;
That You would die for me, I stand amazed!
I stand amazed in all of Your glory; True love's sweetest story,
I stand amazed!
I see the nails piercing Your skin,
My wicked heart driving them in.
I see the spear piercing Your side,
I see the Lamb for me crucified.
I stand amazed in all of Your glory;
That You would die for me, I stand amazed!
I stand amazed in all of Your glory; True love's sweetest story,
I stand amazed! I stand amazed in all of Your ways;
Me, worthy of death, You, worthy of praise.
While yet in my sin, You died for me;
My God, I will praise You Eternally.
I stand amazed in all of Your glory;

That You would die for me, I stand amazed!
I stand amazed in all of Your glory; True love's sweetest story,
I stand amazed! I stand amazed! I stand amazed!

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Pew Bible pg. 764

Sermon

"Branching Out"

Pastor Mike

John 15:1-8

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Song

"Power of the Cross"

Once in darkness, now in light. Once blind, now you see.

Once a sinner, now a saint. Once bound, now free.

That's the power of the cross. See the chains fall.

That's the power of the cross. See the chains fall.

Once a stranger, now a child. Empty, now filled.

Once condemned now, reconciled. Broken, now healed.

That's the power of the cross. See the chains fall.

That's the power of the cross. See the chains fall.

The chains fall.-----Once a prodigal, now home.

Once lost, now found. Once an enemy, now a friend.

Once poor, now crowned. That's the power of the cross.

See the chains fall. That's the power of the cross.

See the chains fall. That's the power of the cross.

See the chains fall. That's the power of the cross.

See the chains fall. See the chains, your chains fall.

Post Communion Blessing

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Prayers of the Church

Benediction

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Death Was Arrested"

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.
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.
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.
Released from my chains, I'm a prisoner no more.
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore.
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend,
When death was arrested and my life began.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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,
When death was arrested and my life began.
Yes, when death was arrested and my life began.

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

