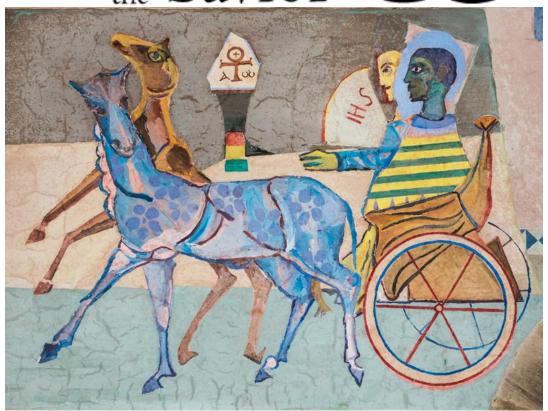
Community Savior



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 4 E. Henrietta Road Rochester, New York 14620 www.CoSMtHope.org

Evangelically Rooted • Liturgically Formed • Socially Engaged

Next Sunday, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Doug Cullum will be preaching and Katie Sawade Hall will preside at the Lord's Table. The scripture readings are Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, and John 15:9-17.

Coffee and Conversation—Everyone is welcome to meet in the fellowship hall each Sunday between the worship services for refreshments and conversation.

Faith Formation for Children, Youth and Adults: 9:00 a.m. Sundays

Nursery: newborn to preschool

Junior Explorers: preschool through kindergarten

Explorers: 1st through 6th grade **Youth Group**: 7th through 12th grade

Adults: "The Resurrected Christ in a Present-Day, Ordinary Life"

Marty Garland, CoS member, shares her life pilgrimage from early traumatic loss to the love of the resurrected Christ--including how several books by the classical spiritual writer Henri Nouwen helped her to have hope to continue the journey.

CoS Congregational Survey: New Schedule, Small Groups and More

We want to hear from you! Please complete a brief online survey to share how the new schedule is working for you and your family, as well as your interest in Cloister Communities and other small group opportunities at CoS. Find the survey in the weekly email update or email the church office for more information. The survey closes tomorrow, April 29.

May 11th: CoS Spring Hike

A CoS spring hike is in the air! Saturday May 11 an intergenerational mid-morning hike is planned. More information to follow.

Job Opportunity: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Community of the Savior is seeking to add a Children's Ministry Coordinator to its ministry team. For more information on the position and on how to apply, contact Pastor Barb.

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WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS OUR RISEN LORD

As we enter to worship, let us gather in quiet contemplation and prayer.

To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God. (Archbishop William Temple)

Community Moments

Preparation for Worship

Please stand, if able

Greeting

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

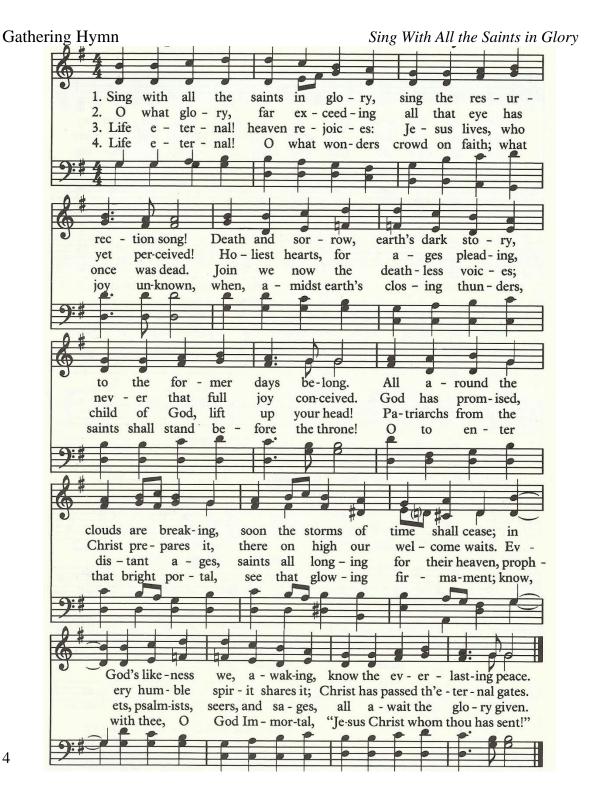
People: Amen

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Opening Prayer

All: Wondrous vine-grower, you make all things new in water and word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

Call to Confession

Leader: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our failure to love as we ought and the brokenness we create in our failings to God and to one another.



Silent Personal Confession

Corporate Confession

All: God of mercy, we confess we have not born the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and have cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us and restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to you: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Rest in the forgiveness of God. All: Amen.

...TO OPEN OURSELVES TO THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Holy One, our strength in suffering and our hope for salvation, lift up your word of life and pour out your Spirit of grace so that we may follow faithfully.

All: Amen.

The First Reading

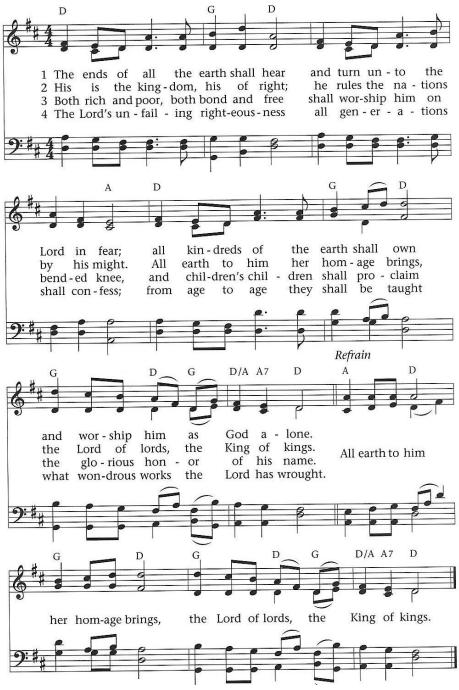
Acts 8:26-40

(Pew Bible, NT 96)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter Psalm 22:25-31



The Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

(Pew Bible, NT 188) The Word of the Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lor **People:** Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if able

Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel

John 15:1-8 (Pew Bible, NT 84)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

Liturgy Moments

After Liturgy Moments, children who wish are invited to participate in Faith Formation (8:45, preschool-high school) or Children's Worship (11:00, preschool-3rd grade) on the lower level.



Sermon

Silent Reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Please stand, if able

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he arose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

and the life everlasting. Amen.

People: And also with you.

Tithes and offerings may be placed in an offering basket at the door, given through the online giving portal at cosmthope.com/give, or mailed to Community of the Savior



...TO FEAST AT THE TABLE OF JESUS, OUR LORD

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. Leader: People: And also with you.

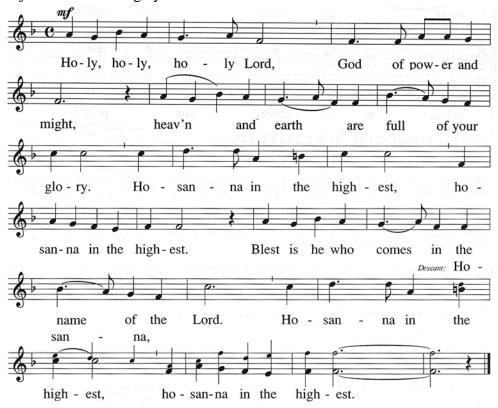
Lift up your hearts. Leader:

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. People:

The leader offers thanks to God with a prayer appropriate to the season, concluding with:

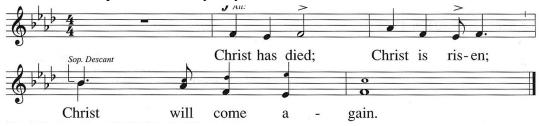
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Please be seated

The leader continues the prayer of thanks to God for the acts of salvation, remembering Jesus' words of institution, and concluding:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



The leader prays for the presence of the Holy Spirit, and for Christian unity, concluding,

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.



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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

Breaking the Bread



Leader: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

The Lord's Table at Community of the Savior is an open table. All who embrace faith in Christ are welcome to receive the Eucharist. Two communion lines form, beginning with the front rows; the pastor will place the bread in your hand, then you will move to the cup, dip the bread in the cup and partake. Individual cups are also available. In recognition of the various streams of Christian tradition that converge at CoS, followers of Christ who have not yet received baptism may receive, but are encouraged to contact one of the pastors as soon as possible to consider Christ's invitation to baptism. Those who do not wish to partake are invited to come with arms crossed over their chest, and the pastor will pray a brief prayer of blessing for you as you move through the line. A gluten free option is available. Please ask the server. In solidarity with all who struggle with addiction, the Eucharistic Cup at CoS is non-alcoholic.

Healing Prayer: Those with a special need are invited to receive prayer and anointing with oil, if desired. Simply move to the prayer station and a pastor will pray a brief prayer for you.

...TO GO FORTH IN THE RENEWING POWER OF THE SPIRIT

Please stand, if able

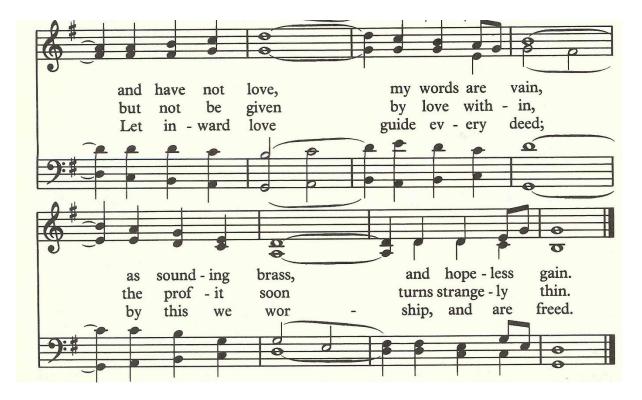
Post-Communion Prayer

All: Grant, O Lord, that what we have said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice with our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



The Gift of Love





Charge and Blessing

About the Cover Art

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Brief History of Community of the Savior

On the first Sunday of Advent 2007, after many months, prayer and discernment, Community of the Savior started weekly worship services as an evening congregation of New Hope Free Methodist Church. Founding co-pastors Gloria Roorda and Doug Cullum were joined by a faithful core group of people to help launch the vision of a church that yearned to be both faithful to historic Christianity and meaningfully responsive to the needs of the present world. Increasingly the leadership team of CoS felt called to move to a Sunday morning service in order to more faithfully fulfill its mission. In spring 2009, CoS joined Edgewood Free Methodist Church as one of the worshiping communities in Edgewood's multi-site approach to ministry, and on Pentecost Sunday began morning worship at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. Community of the Savior became a Free Methodist church society on March 16, 2014. We began worshiping in the former South Presbyterian Church at 4 E. Henrietta Road on October 19, 2014. Welcome to the journey!

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Healing Prayer: Doug Cullum Livestream: Emma Duttweiler Pianist: Joshua Fugate Preacher: Katie Sawade Hall Presider: Barb Bushart Rovers: Warren Bushart, Dan Schaertel Scripture Readers: Jeff & Meredith Altman, Lynn & Jane Braband

Sound: Linda Langner, Luke Duttweiler

Ushers: Warren Bushart, Ying Wu, Dan & Lisa Schaertel