

# Community of the Savior



## **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

April 28, 2024

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## **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!**

Gathering Hymn

*Sing With All the Saints in Glory*

1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur -  
 2. O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has  
 3. Life e - ter - nal! heaven re - joic - es: Je - sus lives, who  
 4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders crowd on faith; what

rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,  
 yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts, for a - ges plead - ing,  
 once was dead. Join we now the death - less voic - es;  
 joy un - known, when, a - midst earth's clos - ing thun - ders,

to the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the  
 nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,  
 child of God, lift up your head! Pa - triarchs from the  
 saints shall stand be - fore the throne! O to en - ter

clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease; in  
 Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits. Ev -  
 dis - tant a - ges, saints all long - ing for their heaven, proph -  
 that bright por - tal, see that glow - ing fir - ma - ment; know,

God's like - ness we, a - wak - ing, know the ev - er - last - ing peace.  
 ery hum - ble spir - it shares it; Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.  
 ets, psalm - ists, seers, and sa - ges, all a - wait the glo - ry given.  
 with thee, O God Im - mor - tal, "Je - sus Christ whom thou has sent!"

## 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.

## Song of Reflection

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The first system begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:". The second system continues the lyrics: "when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O". The third system concludes with the lyrics: "Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O". Above the final two measures of the vocal line in the third system, the instruction "Last time" is written with a fermata symbol. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

## 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.**

D G D

1 The ends of all the earth shall hear and turn un - to the  
 2 His is the king - dom, his of right; he rules the na - tions  
 3 Both rich and poor, both bond and free shall wor-ship him on  
 4 The Lord's un - fail - ing right-eous-ness all gen - er - a - tions

A D G D

Lord in fear; all kin - dreds of the earth shall own  
 by his might. All earth to him her hom - age brings,  
 bend - ed knee, and chil - dren's chil - dren shall pro - claim  
 shall con - fess; from age to age they shall be taught

*Refrain*

G D G D/A A7 D A D

and wor - ship him as God a - lone.  
 the Lord of lords, the King of kings. All earth to him  
 the glo - rious hon - or of his name.  
 what won - drous works the Lord has wrought.

G D G D G D/A A7 D

her hom-age brings, the Lord of lords, the King of kings.

## The Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21  
(Pew Bible, NT 188)

*Leader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, if able*

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ial Al - le - lu - ial

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## 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-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) on the lower level.*



Go in peace, the peace of Christ, and

learn the ways of God.

## 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,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### The Peace

*Leader:* The peace of Christ be with you.

*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](http://cosmthope.com/give), or mailed to Community of the Savior*

The Offering and Presentation of Gifts

*O Love, How Deep*

1 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his  
 4 For us to e - vil power be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

thought and fan - ta - sy: that God, the Son of  
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and  
 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 deep, so high, so broad— the Trin - i - ty whom

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 sharp he knew, for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 cross and death, for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 Spir - it here to guide, to com - fort, and to cheer.  
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

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

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*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:

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the lyrics are written below it. The lyrics are: "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est." The score includes a descant section marked "Descant: Ho -" above the final line of the melody. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*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.

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en;  
 Christ will come a - gain.

*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.*

A - men, a - men, a - men.

### 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

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G minor (one flat) and 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with the tempo marking 'Gently' and the dynamic 'mp'. The second staff continues the melody and includes a change in time signature to 3/4, then back to 2/4. The third staff is marked 'mf' and 'Sop. Descant', indicating a more expressive and possibly improvised section. The fourth staff is marked 'Slower' and concludes the piece. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the grant us peace. sins of the world: grant us peace.'

*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.**

### Hymn of Going Forth

*The Gift of Love*

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,  
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,  
 but not be given by love with - in,  
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

## 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 worshipping 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 worshipping in the former South Presbyterian Church at 4 E. Henrietta Road on October 19, 2014. Welcome to the journey!

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## **Serving in Worship Today**

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**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ken & Andrea Pitcher

**Healing Prayer:** Doug Cullum **Livestream:** Emma Duttweiler

**Pianist:** Joshua Fugate **Preacher:** Katie Sawade Hall

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**Sound:** Linda Langner, Luke Duttweiler

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