

For in Scripture it says: *See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one  
who trusts in him will never be put to shame.*

**1 Peter 2:6**



# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. John White*

## PRELUDE

*More Precious than Silver*  
Stan Brunner

arr. Peggy Bettcher

## CHORAL INTROIT

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Joel Raney

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Elder David Greene*

One: Come to Christ, a living stone, rejected by mortals  
yet chosen and precious in God's sight,  
and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

**ALL:** *We are no longer foreigners and aliens,  
but fellow citizens with God's people  
and members of God's household,  
built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.  
In him the whole building is joined together  
and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.*

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

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## TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Rev. John White*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Rev. John White*

One: Holy God, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.

**ALL:** *To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy.*

One: Forgive us when we stumble over pride, or when our words and actions are not guided by love.

**ALL:** *Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone.*  
One: Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.  
**ALL:** *But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and upon that grace, upon the foundation of Jesus Christ, we stand. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Rev. John White*

One: God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now.  
Sisters and brothers, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.  
**ALL:** *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*

WAYFARING  
STRANGER

*(Refrain): You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Rev. John White*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.  
**ALL:** *And also with you.*

## THE WORD

### ANTHEM

*O God Beyond All Praising*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Forrest

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*Anna Poole*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Rev. John White*

### \*HYMN: 458 *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

THY WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Elder David Greene*

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 17:1-8 (pg. 137)*

*Elder David Greene*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *1 Peter 2:1-10 (pg. 233)*

*Rev. John White*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

### SERMON

*The Thunder of Stones*

*Rev. John White*

## RESPONSE

**\*AFFIRMATION of FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

*Elder David Greene*

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew,  
sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

**OFFERING**

*Elder David Greene*

**OFFERTORY**

*Christ is Arisen*

*Samuel Scheidt*

*Stan Brunner*

\*Doxology (Tune: 607)

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

*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. Amen.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Elder David Greene*

## SENDING

**\*HYMN: 463** *How Firm a Foundation*

**FOUNDATION**

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

*Rev. John White*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Let the Great Amen Resound*

*Raney*

*Chancel Choir*

**POSTLUDE**

*The Day of Resurrection*

*Brian Glyncannon*

*Stan Brunner*