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5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

**Mother's Day and Celebration of Women**

**Set Free to Live**

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.*

*For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Morning Sunrise*

by Combs

**CENTERING SCRIPTURE & CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Galatians 5: 1, 13*

*"Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you. It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows."*

L: Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand!

**ALL: We will never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on us!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** (FWS #2130, vs. 1, 4, & 5 see insert)

*The Summons*

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**ALL:** Gracious and merciful God, you know us. You know our hearts, you know our thoughts, you know our actions. You know our successes and our failures, that which commends us and that which condemns us. We know ourselves, too; we know the good we have done, and we know how we have fallen short. We would know you better, so that the burden of sin would not weigh us down. We would know you better, so that the freedom of your mercy would enable us to fly. Forgive our sins, and restore us to wholeness, we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ACT OF PRAISE NO. 475** (black hymnal, refrain x 2) *God's Eye is on the Sparrow*

**ALL SING:** I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me. (2x)

**TIME OF OFFERING**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Mothers of Mt. Zion*

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2026** (FWS, x2) *Halle, Halle, Halleluja*

**ALL SING:** Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halleluja! Halleluja! (2x)

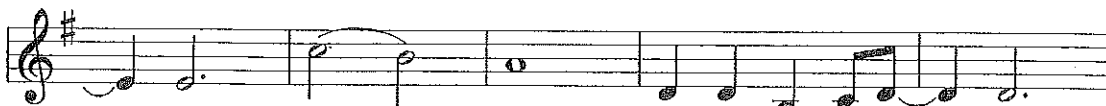
**THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD**

**2026**

**Halle, Halle, Halleluja**



Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal - le - lu - ja! Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal -



le - lu - ja! Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le -



lu - ja! Hal - le - lu - ja! Hal - le - lu - ja!

WORDS: Trad. Caribbean  
MUSIC: Trad. Caribbean

**HALLE, HALLE**  
Irregular

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR**

*His Banner Over Me is Love* (Traditional) and *My Jesus I Love Thee* by Featherston

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 351** (black hymnal)

*I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

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

**ALL:** 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.

**WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

*How Can I Keep From Singing*

by Massa

**SCRIPTURE  
MESSAGE**

*1 Peter 2: 2-10*

**\*HYMN NO. 547** (black hymnal)

*Amazing Grace*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*The Heavens Declare the Glory of God*

by Marcello

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We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of our mothers June Frey and Naomi Barnes, by Deb and Terry Barnes.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Red and Ellie Arnold's 65th anniversary by Red and Ellie Arnold.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of our granddaughter Brooke's graduation from Messiah college yesterday and in memory of our son Gary who passed away 3 years ago today, by Dick and Barb Everhart.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Pastor Jeff and Pastor Dani by Red and Ellie Arnold.

Thank you to the Children's Bell and Vocal Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the May worship planning team for planning today's service. The team members are: Dani Kardisco, Sandy King, Jim Beyer, Robin Schriver, Lisa DeMers, and Pastor Dani.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: George and Lisa DeMers; Jim and Sue Shiffer

8 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Al & Anne Lewis; Nancy & Jesse Smith

10:30 AM Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

<sup>1</sup><https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>

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