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***Fifth Sunday***

*April 30, 2023*  
*11:00 A.M.*

***The Rev. Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, Pastor-Teacher***

*Lay Leader: Bill Small Worship Leader: Maggie Sofidiya*  
*Pianist: Kristi Helfen Drums: Ben Wilkinson*  
*Percussion: Sam Jones*

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Lay Leader

We come together to worship the high King of Heaven.

The Lord came to redeem, to serve, to instruct us.

He is worthy of all our adoration and loyalty. \*

OPENING SONG

Hymn No. 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

+LITANY OF LAMENT *Adapted from Jeremiah 1* (Responsively)

Leader: <sup>5</sup> This is what the LORD says to His people: "What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves.

**People:** <sup>6</sup> **They did not ask, 'Where is the LORD, who brought us through barren and dark times?'**

Leader: <sup>7</sup> I brought you into a fruitful land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable.

**People:** <sup>8</sup> **The priests did not ask, 'Where is the LORD?'**

Leader: Those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me.

**People:** **The prophets prophesied by Baal, many following philosophies of 'self-fulfillment'.**

Leader: <sup>11</sup> But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols.

**People:** <sup>12</sup> **Be appalled at this, and shudder with great horror," declares the LORD.**

Leader: <sup>13</sup> "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns; broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

**All: Lord have mercy on us and on our nation.**

RESPONSE (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Lay Leader

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

JOYFUL OFFERING OF PRAISE

*Abba Father Let Me Be*

*Who Has the Final Say?*

+PASTORAL PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Text and online giving available. See the website for information.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Kristi Helfen

*Fairest Lord Jesus* - Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842/Kelsey

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Hymn No. 583

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*(Children ages 4 & 5 and grades 1st-5th are dismissed to class)*

+SCRIPTURE READING

*If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Word of God.*

Acts 1:12-26

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

*Response: Thanks be to God*

SERMON

Pastor Richard Allen Farmer

*"Our Post-Ascension Posture"*

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 164

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

BENEDICTION

People: Amen

POSTLUDE

*I Know a Fount* - Cook / Kaiser

Kristi Helfen

WHEN THE GATHERING ENDS, THE SERVICE BEGINS.

GO IN PEACE, TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

*Hymn= Hymns for the Living Church.*

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+No entry at this time. \* Prayers by Maggie Sofidiya

OPENING SONG

*Hymn No. 1*

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the  
glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not  
see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and  
sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

*Reginald Heber*

## **ABBA FATHER, LET ME BE**

Abba Father, let me be,  
Your and Yours alone

May my will forever be,  
Evermore Your own  
Never let my heart grow cold,  
Never let me go

Abba Father, let me be,  
Your and Yours alone

## **WHO HAS THE FINAL SAY?**

Who has the final say?  
Jehovah has the final say.  
Jehovah turns my life around.  
Jehovah turns my life around.  
He makes a way where there is no way.  
Jehovah has the final say.

*James Akon*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Hymn No. 583*

**We Give Thee but Thine Own**

We give Thee but Thine own  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee

CLOSING HYMN

*Hymn No. 164*

**COME, YE FAITHFUL, RAISE THE  
STRAIN**

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought His people forth  
into joy from sadness;  
Now rejoice Jerusalem,  
And with true affection  
Welcome in unwearied strains  
Jesus' resurrection.

'Tis the spring of souls today;  
Christ hath burst His prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.

"Alleluia!" now we cry  
to our King immortal,  
who, triumphant, burst the bars  
of the tomb's dark portal;  
"Alleluia!" with the Son,  
God the Father praising,  
"Alleluia!" yet again  
to the Spirit raising.

*John of Damascus*