

Corinth Presbyterian Church

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M.

(*Please stand in body or spirit)

(One; All)

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Chanson

N. Faber

(Time of silence to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.)

Call to Worship (responsively)

One: God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears,
who rescued us from sin's slavery:

All: we are here to thank you.

One: God of the future, who is tearing down the old world,
and building your kingdom in our midst:

All: we are here because we trust you.

One: God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity,
creates us to be one people:

All: we are here to praise you.

One: God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:

All: we celebrate your grace.

*Hymn 113

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*Call to Confession (One)

When we could be revived by God's grace, we find ourselves fearing God's judgment, doubting God's joy in us, fearing God has turned away from us. Let us come to the One who heals us and calls each of us by name.

*Corporate Confession (All)

How can we forget them, Calling God, those who have been thrown aside by the world, those whose cries are no longer heard by the powerful? How can we judge them, those who make choices with which we disagree, those who are so different from us? How can we still follow the hurlers of angry words, the purveyors of prejudice?

Continue to teach us better ways of living and doing, God of grace. You gather us from our foolishness, so we might be led into acts of mercy. You redeem us from our mistakes so we might bend down and feed those who hunger for hope. Your compassion, so warm and tender, is gifted to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray.

(Time for silent confession.)

*Assurance of Pardon (responsively)

One: Do not be afraid. More than anything else, God wants to turn depression into hope, to transform those who have given up on themselves into people who know God's love for them, and to resurrect those wracked by sin, recreating them as people who celebrate that they are forgiven and renewed.

All: God loves us. God forgives us. God lifts us to new life.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response to Pardon: Hymn 123, vs. 4

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children's Moment

Scripture:

Acts 3:1-10 (p. 1694-1695)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer Seeking Understanding

Sermon

Gifted for Work and Play

