



11 am Worship
May 4, 2025

Worship Participants

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Sanctuary Choir

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Freedom to Follow

Scripture: Psalm 30 | John 21:1-19

Today
Communion Sunday and Faith In Action Food Drive.
See the blue bin for the donation list in the lobby.

12:15 pm Rezound Handbell Practice
5 pm Soup-er Sunday

This week

Monday	6:30 pm	Parent Group
	6:45 pm	Genesis – Monday Night Study
Tuesday	7 pm	The Quiet Center
Wednesday	7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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We invite you to participate in worship as we connect with God and each other. You are welcome to remain seated, stand, or move around, whichever you prefer.

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross
My Savior First of All*

Welcome

Prelude

Oh How He Loves You and Me

Call to Worship

Leader: We are in the season of Easter,
which is not just one day, but a whole
“week of weeks” in which we celebrate new life
and liberation.

We have the freedom to follow Jesus out of the
grave and into a new day, to walk in his footsteps
and to be his hands and feet in the world.

**All: I will take the cup of freedom
and call on the name of God.**

Leader: Jesus used common examples like “tend my sheep,”
“feed my lambs,” and “cast your nets on the other
side” to call the disciples to follow in his footsteps—
inviting all to a life of freedom.

Today’s scriptures invite us to leave aside our
hesitations and claim our discipleship.

**All: I will take the cup of freedom
and call on the name of God.**

Opening Hymn

Christ Is Risen
red hymnal #307

Unison Prayer

**All: God of Freedom, we follow with faith
because you showed us the way.
Lead us forward into your future
so that all may know freedom in you.
We come to you in this moment,
cups running over with thanksgiving. Amen!**

Hymn of Response

I Come With Joy
red hymnal #617

Community Prayer

Anthem

I Will Exalt You, Lord

Message

Song of Preparation

Peter said, “I’m Going Fishing”
see next page

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

red hymnal, #17

Sharing Bread and Cup

(music during communion:

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore,
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus)

Benediction

**All: God has blessed us with the cup of Life.
God has blessed us with the cup of Goodness.
God has blessed us with the cup of Freedom.
Drink deeply!**

Leader:: May our Holy God who gave us life,
Jesus who showed us goodness,
and the Spirit that is our source of freedom
be with you now and evermore! Amen!

Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross
red hymnal #159; vs 1 & 3

Postlude

Majesty

Peter Said, "I'm Going Fishing"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Verse 1

Peter said, "I'm going fishing," so his friends went out with him.
Through the night, they labored, watching,
Hauling empty nets back in.
In the grey of early morning, Jesus, you came walking by.
From the beach you called a greeting, "Cast out on the other side!"

Verse 2

Soon their nets were filled to brimming;
Someone cried, "It is the Lord!"
Jumping in, he started swimming; Christ, you met him on the shore.
Guiding them to better waters, eating fish, and sharing bread —
You showed Peter and the others: You were risen from the dead!

Verse 3

Risen Christ, you send us fishing!
God's great sea is everywhere.
You have guided us in mission, You have given love to share.
Through the years, our church has heard you,
We have answered your great call:
"Cast your nets where I have told you.
Bring my word of love to all!"

Verse 4

Lord, be with our congregation; by your spirit, send us forth!
May we care for your creation; may we work for peace on earth.
In our worship, in our giving, in our serving those in need,
May we know, Lord; you are living, guiding us in ministry.