



THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP*

In the wilderness, water brings life.

Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

*In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior
nourishes everyone.*

Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

Let us praise the vine that gives all goodness.

HYMN* *"We Know That Christ Is Raised"* 485

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON, #251, *chorus*

**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

GOSPEL - John 15:1-8

Ellen Bender Plaza

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Thomas DeBusk

"Ride the Morning Winds"

NEW TESTAMENT – Acts 8:26-40

SERMON

"Look, Here Is Water!"

Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE*

The Spirit enabled people of all races, classes, and nations to accept the good news of what God had done in Christ, repent of their sins, and enter the community of faith. The Spirit brings us out of death into life, out of separation into fellowship. It is not our faith but God's grace in Jesus Christ that justifies us and reconciles us to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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.

HYMN*

"Ho, All Who Thirst"

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CHARGE AND BENEDECTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE,* 243 (*sing Twice*) *Congregation and Choir*

**Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!**

FELLOWSHIP TIME – *Baby Shower for the Green Family*
– *Everyone is invited!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Adult Forum – Alex Aning on immigrating from Ghana
to the US

The flowers this morning are given by Ann Marie
Conner in memory of her father, James W. Little, on
his birthday

Northside Presbyterian Church, reflecting
the love of God, celebrates inclusion and
diversity. Whoever you are, whatever
your ancestry, ability, or identity, you are
made in God's image. Wherever you are
in your faith journey, come as you are.
We welcome you and invite you to walk
with us.

*(Adopted by the Session
April 21, 2024)*