



God's Covenant with Abram by Anonymous

WORSHIP SERVICE

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2026

10:30 AM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:30 A.M.

Gathering

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Andante in A Major

Rinck

Welcome and Announcements

***Introit**

Christ Has Risen

Traditional

1. Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers,
Christ has ris - en where hope died, as he said and
as he prom - ised, as we doubt - ed
and de - nied. Let the moon em - brace the bless - ing;
let the sun sus - tain the cheer; let the world con -
firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!

***Call to Worship**

Sing for joy, heavens and earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
Our Creator has comforted the people
and will have compassion for the ones who are suffering.

**Come out! The imprisoned shall have freedom.
Show yourselves! Those who live in darkness
will see the light of day.**

God will feed you and protect you;
God will guide you and ease your way.

**Glory be given to our Protector
because God will never forget us;
we are inscribed in the palm of God's hands!**

Sing for joy!

The Comforter has love and compassion for us.

***Hymn**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

No. 240

Call to Confession

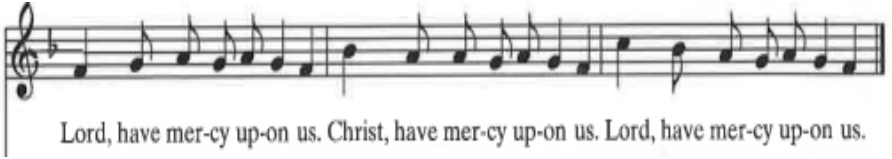
Prayer of Confession

**Compassionate God,
you know the purposes of our hearts
and the will of all creation.
Hear with mercy our confession
that we have not cared for Earth and all creatures
as you meant for us to do;
we have not cared for one another as you have commanded;
we have not loved ourselves
with the regard that honors wholeness and peace of mind.
Be our guide, our judge, our joy.
Show us the way of your life abundant,
and turn us always to that path
so that we may live and move in renewed commitment
to what is just and good.
We beg this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Assurance of Pardon

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.
Teach us to trust your promise
and to believe the good news of salvation:
Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

*Response

Exsultet

Liam Lawton



Re - joice, re - joice,
gone for-ev-er is the night! Re - joice, re -
joyce, ris - en is the Lord of light!

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Suzie Steger

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:1-9

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Message

Even from These Stones

Paul Burgess

In the Beginning: A Year with Genesis

Time with Our Children

Jen Pierce

Baptism and Profession of Faith

Baptismal Questions

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sacrament of Baptism

Sienna Hart Marcenaro

Hymn of Welcome *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* No. 488

Responding

Offering

Offertory

Celtic Prayer

Purifoy

Chancel Choir; Heidi Sue Ross, flute

*Hear my voice, most gracious Lord. O hear the prayer within my soul.
May the words rise to you with songs of praise.
Give me peace, touch my heart to feel your everlasting love.
Hear my prayer, Holy Lord, in the morning when I rise.*

*Lead my life, most faithful Lord, to seek your thoughts and know your will.
For my soul longs to dwell within your care.
Give me strength, guide my steps to live according to your word.
Lead my life, Holy Lord, in the beauty of your grace.*

*Search me, O Lord, and know my heart.
Try me, O God and know my thoughts.
Find any wrong that dwells within my heart.
And lead me forever in your everlasting love.*

*I will sing with all my heart, I sing of God's unchanging love.
For his mercy endures forevermore.
May my trust rest in God to know the fullness of his grace.
Hear my prayer, Holy Lord, in the stillness of this hour.*

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 609

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known;
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

Alan: Let us unite our hearts in prayer
and entrust to the hands of the Lord
all of our graduates.

**Congregation: You have grown up here
on the stories of God.
We have told them to you, sung them to you,
acted them out—
hoping to teach them to you,
and, in turn, with gratitude,
listened to you tell them to us, sing them,
act them out — teaching us in the process.**

Ellen: We pray these stories will sustain you,
encourage you, inspire you, transform you, accompany you
wherever you go, whatever you do --
stories of great inversion, of tremendous surprise,
of profound wonder, of deep joy,
of God's truth and grace, God's love,
and the redeeming of all creation.

**Congregation: May God who began this good work in you
carry it through to completion, enabling you
to use your talents to the fullest.**

Alan: May God give you the grace to make wise choices
and to be faithful to your commitments,
always confident in the support of those who love you.

**Congregation: May God bless you
with discomfort at easy answers,
half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that you will live deep within your heart.**

Ellen: May God bless you
with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

**Congregation: May God bless you
with tears to shed for those who
suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war,
so that you will reach out your hand
to comfort them and change their pain into joy.**

Ellen: May God bless you
with the foolishness to think
that you can make a difference in the world,
so that you will do the things
which others tell you cannot be done.

**Congregation: We have prayed for you
more than you know —
both in frequency and in urgency.
Amidst our prayers, we give thanks for you continually.
And today, we celebrate your achievement
with pride in what you've done, and in who we see you
becoming. May your integrity be a gift to the world
and may the Spirit of God be with you always. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Notes. Prayers. or Scribbles

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THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, May 17	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Children's Faith Formation: K-5th Grade (C. Ed. Wing) Middle School Faith Formation (Youth Rooms) Adult Bible Study: <i>Feasting on the Word</i> (Parlor) Pastor's Class: <i>Life Together</i> by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (FH Annex) Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online) Youth Group Lunch (Off-site) Next Chapter (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, May 18	11:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (Parlor) Girl Scout Troop 1951 (Youth Area) Personnel Team (Zoom) BSA Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall) Cub Scout Pack 232 Den Mtgs. (C. Ed. Bldg.)
Tuesday, May 19	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Budget & Finance Team (Zoom) Scout Troop 232B (Youth Area)
Wednesday, May 20	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (Parlor) Esperanza Board Meeting (100 & Zoom) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, May 21	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Connections Group (Parlor/FHA if open) Generosity Team (100) Ukelele Music Group (100) Stephen Ministry (100)
Friday, May 22	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Preschool Graduation (Fellowship Hall) Courage, Strength, & Hope / Alateens (Youth) Al-Anon / Courage, Strength, & Hope (101/102)
Saturday, May 23		
Sunday, May 24	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Middle School Faith Formation (Youth Rooms) Adult Bible Study: <i>Feasting on the Word</i> (Parlor) Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online)



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