

**Sunday - May 10, 2026**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**



*OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.*

*Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are bolded text.*

*We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochochenyo.*

**INTRODUCTION**

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

**PRELUDE**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN ACS 937: *Earth, Earth, Awake!***



1 Earth, earth, a - wake! Your prais - es sing! Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 All na - ture sings of hope re - born! Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Win - ter is past; the night is gone! Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Praise we the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son! Al - le - lu - ia!



Greet with the dawn your ris - en King! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ lives to com - fort those who mourn! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ's light, tri - um - phant, brings the dawn! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise we the vic - t'ry God has won! Al - le - lu - ia!



Bright suns and stars, your hom - age pay! Al - le - lu - ia!  
First fruit of all the dead who sleep! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Cre - a - tion spreads its spring-time bloom! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise we the Lamb who reigns a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!



Life reigns a - gain this Eas - ter day! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Prom - ise of joy for all who weep! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise we the King whose rule is love! Al - le - lu - ia!

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE -**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### **FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.*

## **PSALM 66**

Praise him, who has stood beside us  
and not let our footsteps slide!  
In the fires of life you tried us  
till, like silver, purified:  
you sent fierce affliction to us,  
conquerors trampled on our head,  
yet through flame and flood you drew us  
and to peace and freedom led.

What thank-offering shall I render,  
my most solemn vows to pay,  
made to you, my strong defender,  
when I faced the evil day?

Here I offer on your altar  
all I am and have to do;  
may my purpose never falter,  
all my life be spent for you.

Come and listen, all who fear him,  
hear what God has done for me:  
with my praises I drew near him,  
and poured out my urgent plea;  
had I cherished sin within me,  
God would not have heard my prayer;  
praise him for the answer given me:  
in his gracious love and care.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the

resurrection of Jesus Christ,<sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of six staves of music. The first four staves are vocal lines with lyrics underneath. The fifth and sixth staves are piano accompaniment, featuring a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "Come let us shout, re-joic-ing. Now let us sing; Let's lift our hands be-fore the King! Come let us bow be-fore Him. Now let us praise; Let's give all glo-ry to His name! Hal-le-lu-jah to the King of glo-ry! Hal-le-lu-jah to the Lord of Lords! Hal-le-lu-jah to the God of Is-ra-el, for he reigns for-ev-er-more!"

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### **GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O God.

[Jesus said to the disciples:]<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

<sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.<sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.<sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.<sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY- *Be Not Afraid***

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of six lines of music. The first line begins with a whole rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The second line continues with a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The third line has a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F#3. The fourth line has a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F#3. The fifth line has a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F#3. The sixth line has a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F#3.

**Refrain**

Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of two lines of music. The first line has a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The second line has a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F#3.



Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

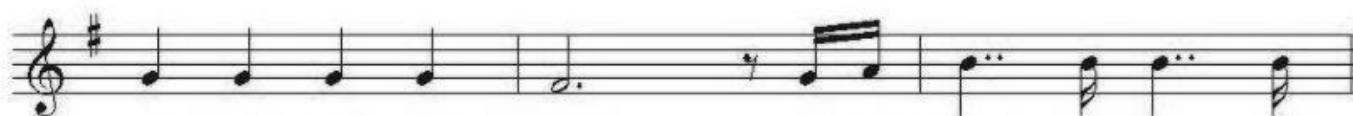
Verse 2



2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the



sea, you shall not drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames,



you shall not be harmed. If you stand be-fore the



pow'r of hell and death is at your side,

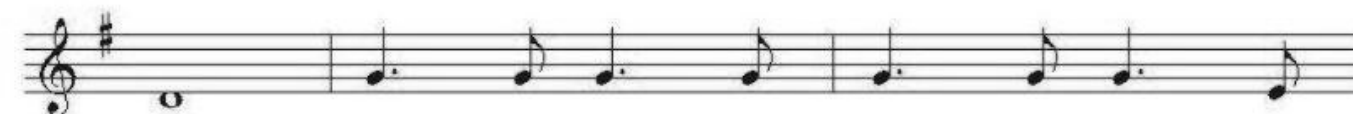


know that I am with you through it all.

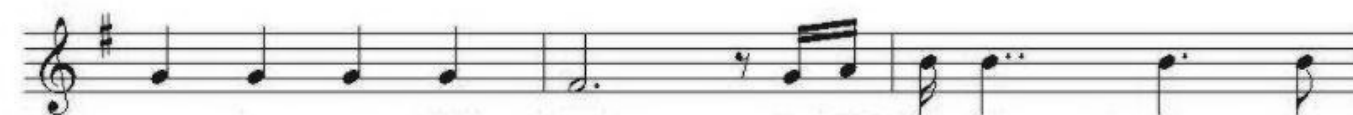
Verse 3



3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be



theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for



one day you shall laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in-



sult and hate you all be-cause of me,



You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill especially for Karen, Julie, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Helen C., and Scott F. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

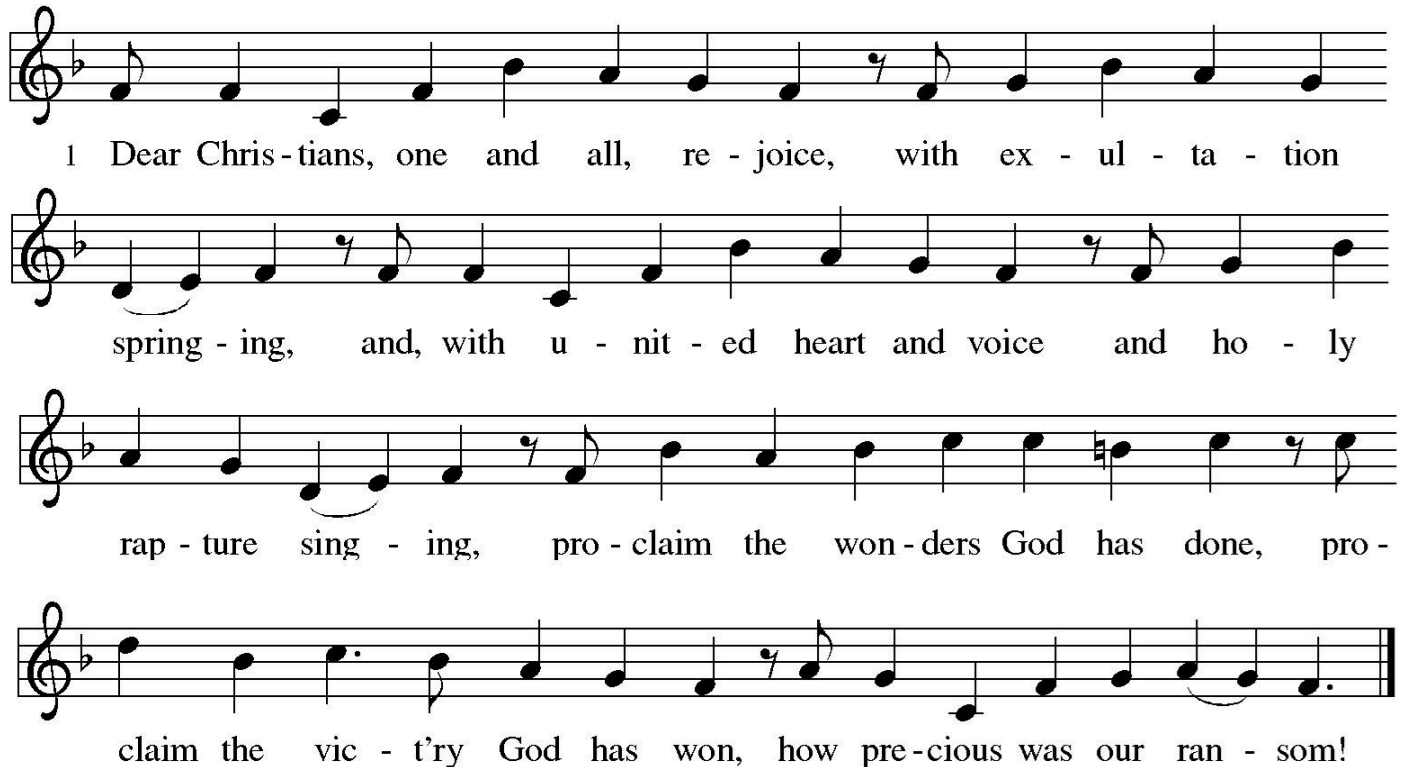
You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*What else do the people of God pray for?*

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY- Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice**



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, with ex-ul-ta-tion  
spring-ing, and, with u-nit-ed heart and voice and ho-ly  
rap-ture sing-ing, pro-claim the won-ders God has done, pro-  
claim the vic-t'ry God has won, how pre-cious was our ran-som!

6 Christ Jesus said "Stay close to me,  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I myself will be;  
for you I strive and wrestle.  
The foe will shed my precious blood;  
all this I suffer for your good;  
my life o'er death will triumph.

7 "Now to my Father I depart,  
from earth to heav'n ascending,  
and, gracious wisdom to impart,  
the Holy Spirit sending,  
who will in trouble comfort you,  
will teach you well, your faith renew,  
and in all truth will guide you.

8 “What I on earth have done and taught  
guide all your life and teaching;  
so shall the glorious reign of God  
increase, the whole world reaching.  
Let none the gospel gift impede;  
I make you free; be free indeed!  
This final word I leave you.”

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD AND BLESSING**

**Presider:** Gracious Lord, you are not far from each one of us, for in you we live and move and have our being. In the Word we have heard, you make known your gracious acts through Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving, we offer ourselves to you as witnesses to his resurrection, as we proclaim:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

**Presider:** You have not left us orphaned, but have given us another Advocate to be with us forever.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Presider:** Send us quickly to tell the good news: that death does not have the last word, that we have been raised to new life with Christ, who goes ahead of us. Make us witnesses to what we have seen and heard, serving with compassion, forgiving as we have been forgiven, and loving as you have first loved us.

**All: Send us, Lord.**

**Presider:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**All: 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.**

## **INVITATION TO RECEIVE A BLESSING**

### **You're Looking After Me Words and Music by Randy Mayer**

You're looking after me, Lord, looking after me  
Someone's answering all my prayers, who else could it be?  
It won't be long 'till I belong in your sweet company  
You're looking after me Lord, looking after me

You've given me this day Lord, given me this day  
In all it's shining glory, you're showing me the way  
I want to jump and dance and sing, 'cause everything's OK  
You've given me this day Lord, given me this day

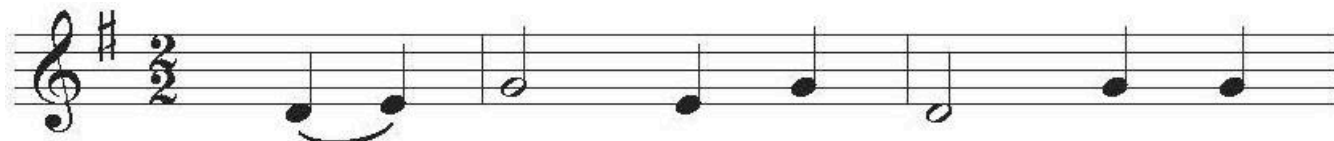
I know that you're looking after me  
I hope that's the way it'll always be

You've given me this song Lord, given me this song  
I'm going to sing it loud and clear, so all can sing along  
Who knows, we might be singing all the way 'till dawn  
You've given me this song Lord, given me this song.

I know that you're looking after me  
I hope that's the way it'll always be

You give me everything Lord, everything I need  
When I have to do without, there're lessons that you bring  
It's kind of all a mystery, but there's no wondering  
You're looking after me Lord, looking after me  
You're looking after me Lord, looking after me

**SENDING HYMN ELW 796: *How Firm a Foundation***



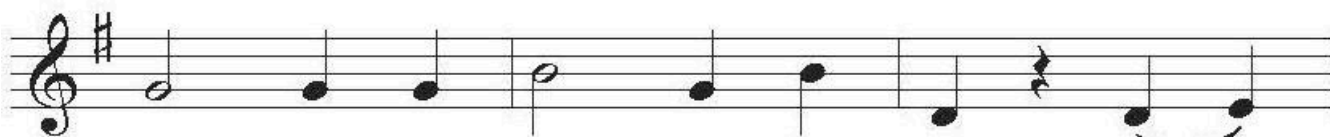
1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye  
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O  
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I  
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy  
5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath



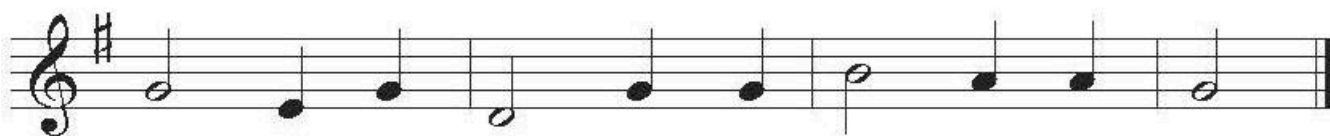
saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith  
be not dis - mayed, for I am thy God,  
call thee to go, the riv - ers of sor -  
path - way shall lie, my grace, all suf - fi -  
leaned for re - pose, I will not, I will



in God's ex - cel - lent Word! What more can be  
and will still give thee aid; I'll strength - en thee,  
row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be  
cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the flame shall not  
not de - sert to its foes; that soul, though all



said than to you God hath said, to  
help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -  
near thee, thy trou - bles to bless, and  
hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy  
hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll



you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake.”

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

El Cerrito Garage Sale May 16

<p><b><u>Participating in Worship</u></b>  <b>Presiding/Preaching:</b> MC Miller  <b>Minister of Music:</b> Daniel Alley  <b>Guitarists:</b> George Fosselius  <b>Lector:</b> Kim M.  <b>Communion Set-up/Clean-up:</b>  <b>Worship Assistant:</b>  <b>Flowers:</b>  <b>Coffee Hour: Laurie P.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Happening This Week at CLC</u></b></p> <p><b>Today</b>  9 AM Choir Rehearsal  10 AM CLC Worship</p> <p><b>Monday</b>  9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center  7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b>  7 PM Lady AA Meeting</p> <p><b>Thursday</b>  7 PM Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Saturday</b>  6 PM Millennium AA Meeting</p> <p><b>Next Sunday</b>  9 AM Choir Rehearsal  10 AM CLC Worship</p>
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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:**

<p>Julie D.  Diane L.  Lysle P.  Mike S.  The Vale Community  Robin &amp; Wendy  George F.  Louise O., Lucas, and  El Cerrito High School</p>	<p>Laurie P.  Carolina S.  Karen H.  Fred W.  Chad B.  TJ B.  Carla L.  Helen C.</p>	<p>Mark  Jimmy D.  Vince  Thelma &amp; Mike G.  Chris  Phil C.  Scott F.</p>
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