

**May 2, 2021  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Crosscreek Baptist Church**

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**Gathering**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Opportunities to Connect**

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**Centering**

**A Blessing of Peace**

**Chiming of the Hour and Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Intro Video**

**Call to Worship Litany**

See what love God has given us that we should be called God's children.

**Children of God, let us love not just in word or speech but in deed and in truth.**

O God, be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

**Know that God has set us apart and hears us when we call.**

O God, let your face shine upon us.

**O God, be gracious to us and hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Hearing

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### Hymn of Praise No. 310 - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

### A Reading from the New Testament - 1 John 3:1-7 - Claire Jeffcoat

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*This is the word of the Lord...*

**Thanks be to God.**

### A Moment for Children - Lindsey Winslow

#### A Time of Reflection

*When God becomes man in Jesus of Nazareth, he not only enters into the finitude of man, but in his death on the cross also enters into the situation of man's godforsakenness. In Jesus he does not die the natural death of a finite being, but the violent death of the criminal on the cross, the death of complete abandonment by God. The suffering in the passion of Jesus is abandonment, rejection by God, his Father. God does not become a religion, so that man participates in him by corresponding religious thoughts and feelings. God does not become a law, so that man participates in him through obedience to a law. God does not become an ideal, so that man achieves community with him through constant striving. He humbles himself and takes upon himself the eternal death of the godless and the godforsaken, so that all the godless and the godforsaken can experience communion with him. - Jürgen Moltmann*

## Worship in Song - Jessica Haywood

### A Reading from the Psalm - Psalm 4 - Patsy Jeffcoat

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.  
How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?  
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?  
But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;  
the LORD hears when I call to him.  
When you are disturbed, do not sin;  
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.  
Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.  
There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"  
You have put gladness in my heart  
more than when their grain and wine abound.  
I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

*This is the word of the Lord...*  
Thanks be to God.

### Hymn of Devotion No. - 74 - There is a Balm in Gilead

<b>Chorus:</b> There is a balm in Gilead To make the wounded whole There is a balm in Gilead To heal the sin-sick soul	Chorus
Sometimes I feel discouraged And think my work's in vain But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again	If you can't preach like Peter If you can't pray like Paul Just tell the love of Jesus and say He died for all
	Chorus

Sermon - Brandon Hudson  
"Walking in the Light: Called Children"

## Responding

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### Silence and Meditation

*The God, who is greater than God, has only one thing on Her mind, and that is to drop, endlessly, rose petals on our heads. Behold the One who can't take His eyes off of you. Marinate in the vastness of that. - Gregory Boyle*

### Hymn of Preparation No. 461 - Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our  
knees.

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knees.

When I fall on my knees  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

### Celebration of the Lord's Table

*All who are followers of the Way of Jesus are welcome at this table.*

## Enacting

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### Hymn of Response No. 297 - Here I am to Worship

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Open my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in Heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the Earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

**Chorus:** Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my  
God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

**Chorus**  
I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross (3  
times)

**Chorus**

### Benediction and Blessing

#### Hymn of Parting

#### “An Old Irish Blessing”

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back, May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field; And until we meet again, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

#### Postlude