



THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
Frederick C. Maker

CALL TO WORSHIP The Worship Sourcebook

God calls us to worship, and we come,
some with laughter and songs of joy.
God calls us to worship, and we come,
some from a sense of obligation or habit.
God calls us to worship, and we come,
some with hearts heavy with grief.
God calls us to worship, and we come,
some with distraction or exhaustion.
God calls us to worship, and we come,
some with eagerness and enthusiasm.
God call us to worship, and we come,
some with stress, loneliness, or depression.
All of this is welcome here.
God has called us to worship, and so we come to worship God.

*SONG OF WORSHIP #649 “Gather Us In”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who gathers,
you have set a big table and welcomed every person to the feast.
You tell us that we belong to one another;
that being together will bring healing and wholeness.
We confess that we often get frustrated
with the ones sitting next to us.
They bump us with their elbows,
they talk too much,
they eat too loudly.
We are so good at finding inconveniences,
flaws, and offense with our table mates.
Forgive us.

Please observe a time of silence for personal reflection and confession.

Loving God,
When we get bumped by elbows,
help us turn to see the face of the one next to us.
When we think someone is talking too much,
help us listen with curiosity.
When we feel someone is eating too loudly,
help us learn how to feast just as heartily.

Remind us in our neighbors of goodness and belonging.
And in the goodness and belonging we find in each other,
may we also find hope and healing.
Through Christ we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Psalm 103

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Just as a parent has compassion for their children,
so God has compassion for us.
We are forgiven and loved.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Congregation, bless your children.
You are God’s beloved child. With you God is well pleased.

*SONG OF PREPARATION #502 “Be Thou My Vision”

SCRIPTURE & SERMON 2 Kings 5:1-14
“Healing”

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Based on the Belhar Confession, Art. 1-2

We believe in the triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit -
who gathers, protects, and cares for the church
through Word and Spirit.
We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.
We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation
is made manifest in the church as the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God and with one another.
We believe that this unity is both a gift and an obligation
for the church of Jesus Christ, one which the people of God
must continually be built up to attain.
We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world
may believe that hatred among people is sin,
which Christ has already conquered.
Anything that threatens this unity may have no place in the church
and must be resisted.
Together we fight against all that may threaten or hinder this unity.
Together we celebrate our differences as opportunities
for mutual service within the one visible people of God.
Together we love each other. Amen.

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING #147 “Praise God from Whom...”

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!

*Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary
are brought forward as a sign of our response to God’s call on our lives.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #628 “We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”

My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

*POSTLUDE “Finale”
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THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A **SECOND**
Actually, it may take 60 seconds, but check out the info below.

ARE YOU A GUEST TODAY?

Welcome--we're so glad you've come to worship with us! If you're looking for a church to call your own, we hope you'll return another Sunday to get to know us even better. SRC values history and tradition as well as creativity and innovation. We try not to take ourselves too seriously. Most of all, we're a congregation where anyone can belong just as they are. God welcomes all. And so do we.

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF May 18, 2025

TODAY

- 9:45 am Worship Service
- 10:45 am Senior Sunday

MONDAY

- 6:30 pm Consistory Meeting

TUESDAY

- 8:00 am Men's Group
- 2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:45 am Worship Service

Greeters: Cindy & Pete Peterson, Cyndi Boertje, Cheri Scherr, Ed Willis
Next Week: Ed Willis, Kent Van Kooten, Sherril Graham, Darlene Wallinga, Scott Renaud

Nursery: Magen Andrasko & Elizabeth Wilner
Next Week: Sara Hefflefinger & Keane Allen

Storyteller: Rinnah Hardeman & Ann Visser
Next Week: No Children & Worship

Barista: Tom Stanley
Next Week: Allens

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025 - 9:45 am