



# Fifth Sunday of Easter

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May 2, 2021

10:00 am

Rev. Alexander Arthurs, Pastor  
Larry J. Carey, Director of Music

**Thought for Worship:** *Abiding is active dependence.* – Anonymous

## GATHERING

**Prelude** *Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love* arr. Rotermund

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Votum**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Amen**

**Opening Sentences**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

We gather to praise and worship God,

**the one who created us for love.**

We gather to worship the true vine,

**the one in whose love we abide.**

Easter people, Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

**Salutation**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*We Know that Christ is Raised*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

O Christ, you are the true vine,  
and you have made us your branches.  
In your grace, we find strength,  
and in your love, we are set free.  
Forgive us, O God, when we do not live  
as people who have been freed,  
when we act as if the Easter story  
did not turn the world upside down.  
Forgive us, O God, when we do not live  
as people who are your branches,  
when we forget that we are rooted in you  
and bound to one another by your spirit.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Hear this good news:

Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

through whom we have obtained access to this grace

in which we stand;

and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

(taken from Romans 5:1-2)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Law of God

Proverbs 3:5-6

### \*Gloria Patri

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

### \*Commitment to Peace Keeping and Peace Seeking

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

Share a sign of peace with one another.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem**

*We are One in Christ Jesus*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Prepare our hearts, O God,**

**to hear your word**

**and obey your will.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading**

1 John 4:7-21

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**\*Hymn**

*My Song is Love Unknown*

**Gospel Reading**

John 15:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

Abide

Pastor Alex

**Silent Reflection**

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### **\*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

### **Prayers of the People ending in the Lord's Prayer**

In the blessed hope of the resurrection,  
we pray to the Lord of endless life, saying:  
By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the church . . .  
Bless and keep us, as your beloved children,  
so that your goodness and grace may be known in us.  
Strengthen us in hope and save us from our sin.  
By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the world . . .  
Lead the rulers and people of every nation  
to repent of their violence and corruption  
and trust instead in your way of life and peace.  
By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

## Prayers of the People ending in the Lord's Prayer

Life-giving God, we pray for this community . . .  
Transcend the walls and boundaries that divide us.  
Stand among us as our living Lord.  
Cast out our fear so that we may live in your peace.  
By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

Life-giving God, we pray for loved ones . . .  
Be gracious to all who are in trouble or distress.  
Show them your goodness; put gladness in their hearts,  
so that they may find peace and safety in you. *(names read)*  
By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

Eternal God, show forth in us and in our world  
the good news of your saving power and love,  
so that all may believe and have life in you;  
through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed.

### **SENDING**

#### **Hymn**

*To God Be the Glory*

#### **Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

*Laudes Domini*

arr. Frahm

# Anthem

## *We Are One in Christ Jesus*

arr. Parker

*We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body,*

*all one spirit, all together.*

*We share one God, one mighty Lord,*

*one abiding faith, one binding love,*

*one single baptism, one Holy Comforter,*

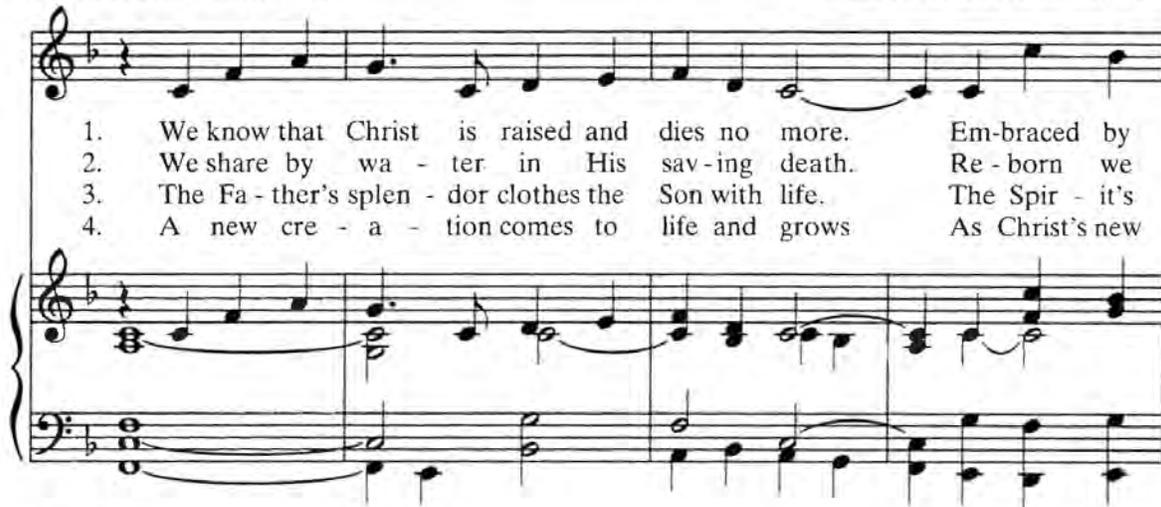
*the Holy Spirit, uniting us all.*

# We Know That Christ Is Raised

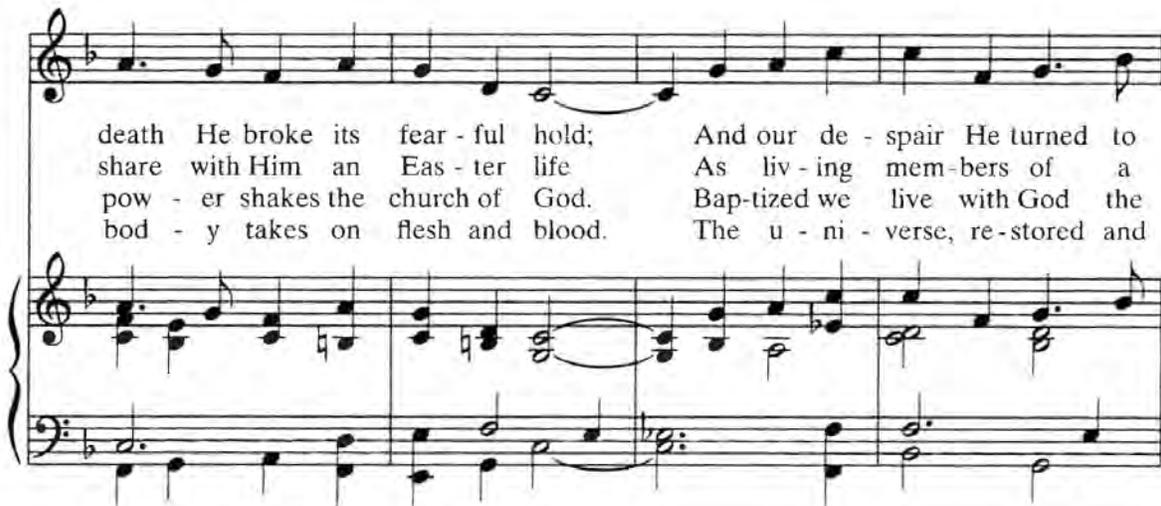
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John Brownlow Geyer, 1969

Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by  
2. We share by wa - ter in His sav-ing death. Re - born we  
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. The Spir - it's  
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows As Christ's new



death He broke its fear - ful hold; And our de - spair He turned to  
share with Him an Eas - ter life As liv - ing mem - bers of a  
pow - er shakes the church of God. Bap-tized we live with God the  
bod - y takes on flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse, re-stored and



blaz - ing joy.  
liv - ing Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Three in One.  
whole, will sing:

BAPTISM

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

The musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a measure marked with a '4' above the staff, indicating a four-measure rest. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.' are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment is written on two staves (treble and bass clefs) and provides harmonic support for the vocal line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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# Celebrate Love

*Refrain* §



Cel-e-brate love, love, love. — Cel-e-brate love, love, love. —

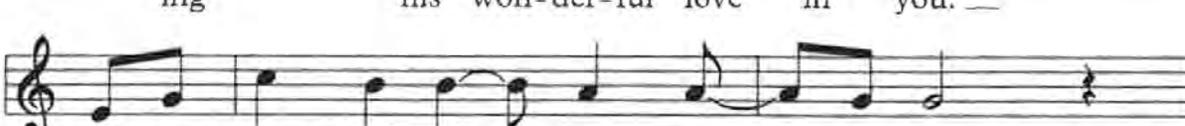


— Cel-e-brate love — so a-maz - ing. He's cre-at -

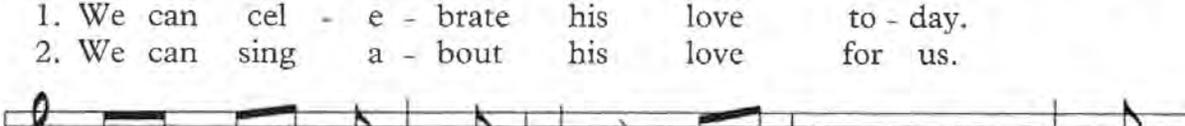
*Fine*



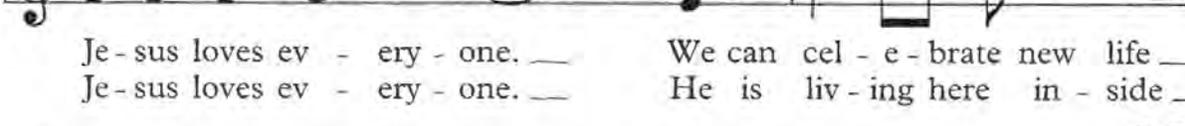
ing his won-der-ful love in you. —



1. We can cel - e - brate his love to - day.



2. We can sing a - bout his love for us.

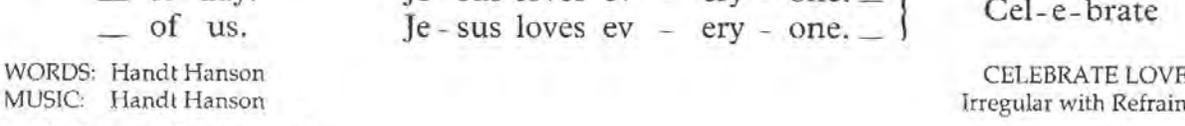


Je - sus loves ev - ery - one. — We can cel - e - brate new life —



Je - sus loves ev - ery - one. — He is liv - ing here in - side —

*D.S.*



— to-day. Je - sus loves ev - ery - one. — } Cel-e-brate  
— of us. Je - sus loves ev - ery - one. — }

WORDS: Handt Hanson  
MUSIC: Handt Hanson

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CELEBRATE LOVE  
Irregular with Refrain

# To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11 with refrain

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875

William Howard Doane, 1875

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done!  
2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

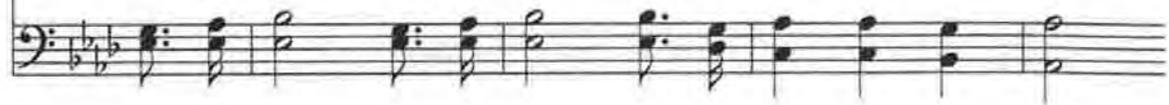
*Refrain*



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,



And give Him the glo - ry: great things He hath done!



## DEAR FRIENDS

Welcome to worship here at Peapack Reformed Church! If you are visiting with us, welcome! If you are a member, welcome back! Our mission is to be a congregation called by God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and committed to being the very presence of Jesus Christ in the world. This mission is the catalyst for all that we do, and is our aim for who we want to be.

If you are visiting with us via Facebook Live and would like more information about our church, send us a message on Facebook or email [office@peapackreformed.org](mailto:office@peapackreformed.org) and we will be in touch with you. Even under these odd and anxious circumstances, we would love to be your church home. Our virtual doors are always open wide and our hearts are always ready to welcome new faces into our fellowship.



### Bible Study: The Book of Hebrews

### Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

### at 7 pm: Hebrews 11

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93463985776?pwd=cjB1Yzg2U24rSndMQlhqZjhHVmVHdz09>

Meeting ID: 929 5974 1165

Passcode: 20AZGd

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# Pop-Up Food Pantry at Peapack Reformed Church

Consider helping out many in our community who are facing uncertain times by supporting Peapack-Gladstone's Pop-Up Food Pantry.

*The Pantry is currently distributing food on Sundays from 5pm-6pm. We have between 25-27 families coming to the pantry every Sunday.*

Donations can be dropped off during this window, or at another arranged time with the church staff. In addition to tangible goods, check donations can be made out to Peapack Reformed Church memo line: Pop-up Food Pantry. Help us be the very presence of Christ in the world as we continue to support this effort to curb food insecurity in Peapack Gladstone.

## FOOD LIST for Pop-Up Food Pantry

<u>Food Items:</u>	<u>Personal Care Items:</u>	<u>Household Items:</u>
Cereal box	Shampoo	Dish soap
Oatmeal (plain or flavored)	Toothpaste	Laundry detergent
Pasta (no spaghetti)	Toothbrush	Toilet paper
Pasta Sauce (24 oz jar)	Body soap	Kitchen paper towels
5 lb bag of flour	Maxi pads (panty liners,	
5 lb bag of corn flour (not meal)	regular absorbency & super absorbency)	
16 oz bag of dried beans	Diapers (sizes 2-6)	
2, 3 or 5 lb bag of rice	Baby wipes	
48 oz bottle of vegetable oil		
Assorted snacks, granola bars		
Canned chicken or tuna		

*Cash donations also appreciated.*

*Checks should be made payable to Peapack Reformed Church with Pop-Up Food Pantry in the memo line*

Interested in volunteering? Sign up at our website.

## Food Pantry News

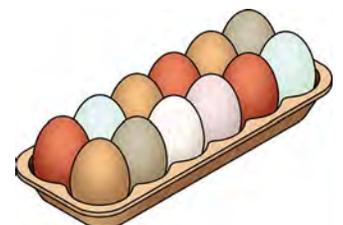
Many thanks for all those who have shared their abundance with neighbors in need. Our church refrigerators have plenty of space to hold even more!

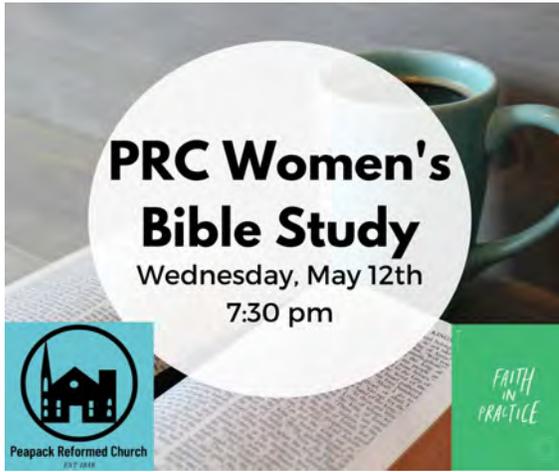
Mark your calendars now to pick up these important items and bring to church by the dates listed:

Sunday, May 2 - Gallon(s) whole milk

Sunday, May 9 - eggs

Sunday, May 16 - Gallon(s) whole milk





## PRC Women's Bible Study:

### Faith in Practice.

The PRC Women's Bible Study will next meet Wednesday, May 19th at 7:30 pm at the church. The group is engaging the Faith in Practice study book from She Reads Truth. Study books are available for purchase for \$15 at the next meeting.

If you are interested in growing in community with other women and deepening your faith in Christ, join us! Masks will be worn and social distancing will be practiced.

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**PRESS ▶ PLAY**  
GET IN THE MIX

**VBS @ PRC**  
**July 26-30**  
**9am-12pm**  
**Pre-5th**

*JOIN US!*

Sign up your kids + sign up to volunteer @  
[www.peapackreformed.org](http://www.peapackreformed.org)



**We will partake of  
Communion on  
Sunday, June 6th.**



**After June 6th, we will partake of Communion the first Sunday of the month.**

MAY 22, 2021 | 5 PM

## **PICNIC AT PEAPACK**

Peapack Reformed Church  
invites you to a picnic!

# **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Bring your own picnic dinner, blanket and chairs. Enjoy fellowship and good company while listening to music and playing yard games. Ice cream will be provided. Social distancing and health protocols will be practiced.

