

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Almighty God, we give to you our humble and hearty thanks that in your great mercy, you have given us your Son. He is our Savior from sin and our constant source of faith, hope and love. We bless you for allowing us to commemorate his death and to receive the communion of his body and blood. May this memorial enable us to live for the one who gave himself us, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

RESPONDING TO WORD AND SACRAMENT

Offertory Litany

Minister: With hearts full of the joy of our salvation in Jesus Christ, we bring our gifts to God.

ALL: All that we have and all that we are we offer gratefully to God!

Offering for General Ministries of RCRC and Christian Education Society (CES)

Offertory "What Beautiful Stars" Yiruma
(Please sign and pass Welcome Folders.)

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* No. 501:1, 4, 7
(gray hymnal)

*God's Blessing, affirmed by congregational "Amen"

*Pastor's Charge to the Congregation: Go now to love and serve the Lord.

*Moment of Silent Reflection

*Postlude *Allegro molto* from "Sonata," Op. 65 No. 6 F. Mendelssohn

*Everyone able, please stand.

†Latecomers seated.

Leading Us in Worship Today:

Minister: Rev. Chris Fluit

Organist: Benton Blasingame

Liturgist: Alice Harris

Children's Message: Joe Saia

Pianist: Carly Dettman

Adult Handbell Choir

Handbell Choir Director: Kathy Quinn

Sign Interpreter: Kathleen Holcombe

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**Worship Note:**

Communion litany adapted from Celebration of the Lord's Supper, Psalter Hymnal p. 978-982 and Lord's Supper Service, PH p. 973-974.

Other passages mentioned in the message include Romans 1:19-21, Matthew 5:46-47, Romans 6:23, James 2:10, Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28, Ephesians 2:3, Romans 5:12, Psalm 103:12 and John 3:16.



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**MORNING ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**May 2, 2010 - 10:30 A.M.**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*We extend a warm welcome to you if you are visiting today.*

*Our service proceeds unannounced as printed in this folder.*

*(**Bold** type indicates congregational speaking and italics denote congregational singing.)*

*We invite you to sign the Welcome Folder as it is passed during the offertory and to join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the service.*

Prelude "Sonata," Op. 65 No. 6 F. Mendelssohn  
*Chorale (Our Father Who Art in Heaven)*  
*Variation I - Andante sostenuto*  
*Variation II*  
*Variation III*

**OPENING OF WORSHIP**

Call to Worship: Psalm 47:1, 6; 48:1a

†\*Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No. 486  
(gray hymnal)

\*God's Greeting, affirmed by congregational "Amen"

\*Mutual Greetings

†\*Hymn *I Will Glory in My Redeemer* Contemporary #29  
(red songbook)

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

Call to Confession: I John 1:9

Prayer of Confession

*Leader prays*

*Silent confession*

*Leader prays*

Song of Confession *Change My Heart, O God* Sing! # 56  
(green hymnal)

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:8 - 9

Handbell Anthem "How Great Thou Art" arr. Dobrinski

Congregational Prayer

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer with the Children

Dismissal of the Children (3 year olds - 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 51: 1-7 (pg. 452)

New Testament Reading: Romans 3:9 - 12, 21- 23 (pg. 915)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

Proclamation *Totally Depraved (Understanding Sin)*

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn *Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound* No. 462  
(gray hymnal)

## CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

Minister: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, today we celebrate the blessed feast of the Lord's Supper.

We do not come to this table as though we were righteous in ourselves. Rather, we testify that we are sinners and we look to Jesus Christ alone for our salvation. Although we do not have perfect faith and do not love God or our neighbors as fully as we ought, we are confident that the Savior accepts us at his table when we come in humble faith. God will surely receive at this table all those who truly repent of their sins, believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior and desire to do his will. Accept God's invitation and come with gladness to the table of our Lord.

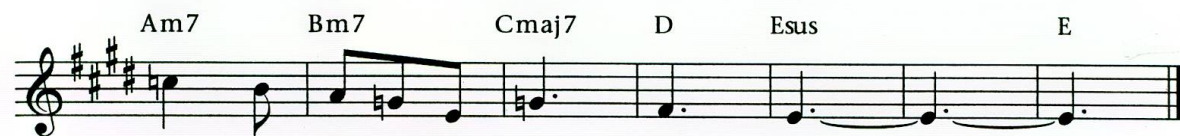
**\*ALL sing:** *Now the Feast and Celebration* M. Haugen



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a-tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo-ry for - ev - er - more!

\*Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**\*ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

\*Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**\*ALL: It is right for us to give thanks.**

**It is our joy and peace to give thanks to you, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord.**

\*Minister: We thank you that you did not abandon us in our rebellion against your love, but sent prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation.

**\*ALL: Above all, we thank you for sending Jesus, your Son, to deliver us from the way of sin by his life, his suffering on the cross and his resurrection from the dead.**

**\*ALL sing: Now the feast and celebration, all creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!**

The Institution

Minister: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. "The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Minister: Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament.

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Prayer of Consecration

Minister: Gracious Father, we pray that you will grant us your Holy Spirit that through this sacrament we may be truly fed by the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us the full assurance of your forgiveness. Fill our hearts with gratitude. Unite us more fully with your Son and also with one another. Enable us to pledge our service to Christ and all your children. And lift us up that we may persevere in the living hope of our Savior. Amen.

**ALL: Holy Father, in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, in the joy of his resurrection, and in the hope of his coming again, we present ourselves a living sacrifice to you and come with gladness to the table of our God.**

Distribution of the Bread

*During the distribution of the Bread, the organist will play:*  
*Andante religioso* from "Sonata," Op. 65 No. 4" F. Mendelssohn

Minister: Take, eat, remember and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Eating of the Bread

Distribution of the Cup

*During the distribution of the Cup, the organist will play:*  
*"Love One Another"* J. Chepponis, arr. L. Trapp

Minister: Take, drink, remember and believe that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Drinking of the Cup

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