

May 2, 2021

Morning Worship  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
Slackwood Presbyterian Church

10:30 a.m.

Prayer of Confession  
Words of Assurance  
Anthem

“God of the Sparrow”

## GATHER TO WORSHIP

*As a consideration to all who seek to worship this morning, please turn off or mute cell phones and other electronic devices.*

Bell of Preparation for Worship  
Welcome & Announcements

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

L: God’s healing love is extended to us today!

**P: God’s mercy is graciously given to us.**

L: Let us rejoice in all that God has done and will continue to do.

**P: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God’s will both now and in the days to come.**

L: Hallelujah!

**P: Let us worship God!**

Prayer of Adoration & Illumination

\*Hymn

LET US BREAK BREAD

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Let us break bread together on our knees;

let us break bread together on our knees.

*(Refrain)*

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. *(Refrain)*

Let us praise God together on our knees;

let us praise God together on our knees. *(Refrain)*

Call to Confession

## HEARING OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 5:12-16

*Once, when he was in one of the cities, there was a man covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground and begged him, “Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.”<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, “I do choose. Be made clean.” Immediately the leprosy left him.<sup>14</sup> And he ordered him to tell no one. “Go,” he said, “and show yourself to the priest, and, as Moses commanded, make an offering for your cleansing, for a testimony to them.”<sup>15</sup> But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.<sup>16</sup> But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.*

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The Freedom of Christ”

Kody Whitaker

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Morning Prayer

Call for Offering

Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM

*(During the singing of the hymn, gloved ushers will distribute the pre-packaged communion elements. Please hold your hand palm side up so the elements can be placed on your hand. A gluten free option is available.)*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

*(Refrain)*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *(Refrain)*

## THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table  
The Great Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise....**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Communion of God's People

*Please hold the elements till instructed to partake together.*

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn "On Eagle's Wings" ON EAGLE'S WINGS  
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*(Refrain)*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

For to his angels he's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *(Refrain)*

\*Charge and Benediction

## DEPART TO SERVE

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

**Pastor:** The Rev. Ryan Irmer  
**Parish Associate:** The Rev. James Klotz  
**Director of Music:** Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman  
**Seminary Intern:** Kody Whitaker  
**Director of Family Ministries:** Starr Alleyne

**Welcome** to everyone who is worshipping this morning. If you are visiting we hope you will feel very welcome. In keeping with our desire to provide a safe worship place, suggested safety precautions will be followed.

A time of celebration of the ministry of Pastor Irmer will follow this morning's service.

The **Adult Forum** meets at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday via Zoom conferencing. The link is sent in the weekly announcements email.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet on Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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