



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

Worship Bulletin
May 17, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Eternal God, heaven is your throne and the earth is your footstool. Fill this place with your divine wind that hovered over the deep and still brings order out of chaos. Fill our lungs with your breath so our mouths may declare your praise. Reignite your holy fire within us so that our light may shine before others. Move in, with, and through us once more, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Oliver Holden

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 195

O come, let us sing to the Lord; Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

This is the day the Lord has made.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

This is the day the Lord has made.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

† HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Hymnal #14

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you breathed your Spirit over the waters of creation and called the earth good, yet we treat your world with neglect, waste, and indifference. Forgive us for the ways we pollute what you made beautiful, consume without gratitude, and ignore the cries of the earth and our neighbors. Teach us to walk gently upon the earth with humility, justice and joy. In your mercy, restore us and all creation through the reconciling love of Jesus Christ, in whose name we continue to pray. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #581

TIME WITH CHILDREN

† HYMN

“Spirit of the Living God”

Hymnal #288

Sing Twice

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

SERMON

“Down Payments”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 20

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A. First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God.¹ Second, that the Spirit is given also to me,² so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits,³ comforts me,⁴ and will remain with me forever.⁵

OFFERTORY

Blessed Be Your Name (with All Hail the Power)
Chancel Choir

arr. Joel Raney

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #609

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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

† **HYMN**

"Go to the World!"

Hymnal #295

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†**BENEDICTION
RESPONSE**

"Christ Is Alive"

Hymnal #246

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

POSTLUDE

This Is My Father's World

arr. Franklin L. Sheppard

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

18 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

18 Circle of Concern Golf Tournament

19 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

19 PW Mission Trip Information Mtg., 6 pm

20 Chancel Bell & Choir Practice, 6 pm & 7 pm

21 Chair Exercise, 10 am

24 Pentecost & Capital Campaign Celebration

24 Senior Graduation Recognition

25 Church Office closed Memorial Day

31 Worship moves to Gleason Hall

LORD'S DAY 20

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1. Gen. 1:2 – “the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.”

Isa. 48:16 – “Draw near to me; hear this! From the beginning I have not spoken in secret; from the time it came to be I have been there. And now the Lord God has sent me and his spirit.”

1 Cor. 3:16 – “Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?”

1 Cor. 6:19 – “Or do you not know that your body is a temple[a] of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?”

Acts 5:3–4 – “Ananias,’ Peter asked, ‘why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!’”

2. Matt 28:19 – “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

2 Cor. 1:21–22 – “But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, who has put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a down payment.”

3. Gal. 3:14 – “in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

1 Pet. 1:2 – “who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood:”

1 Cor. 6:17 – “But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.”

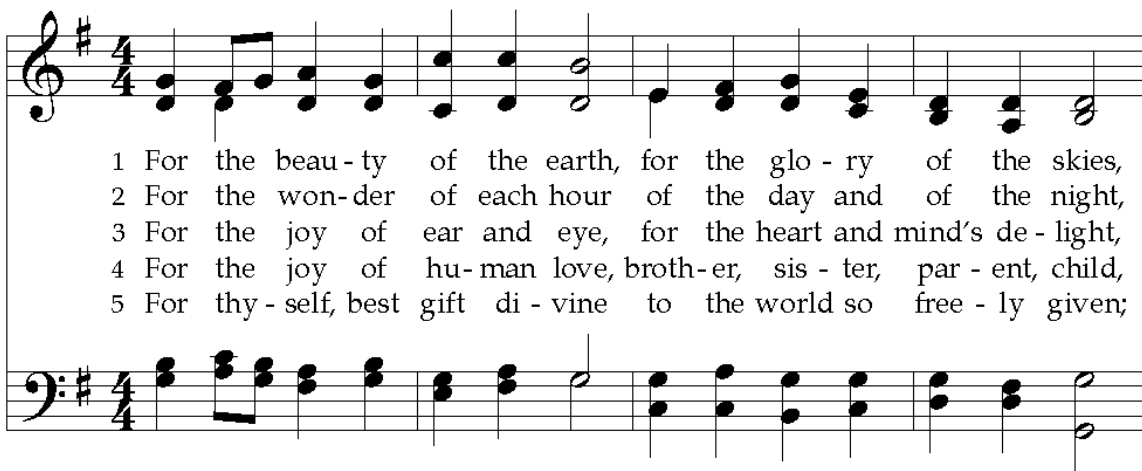
4. Acts 9:31 – “Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.”

5. John 14:16 – “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.”

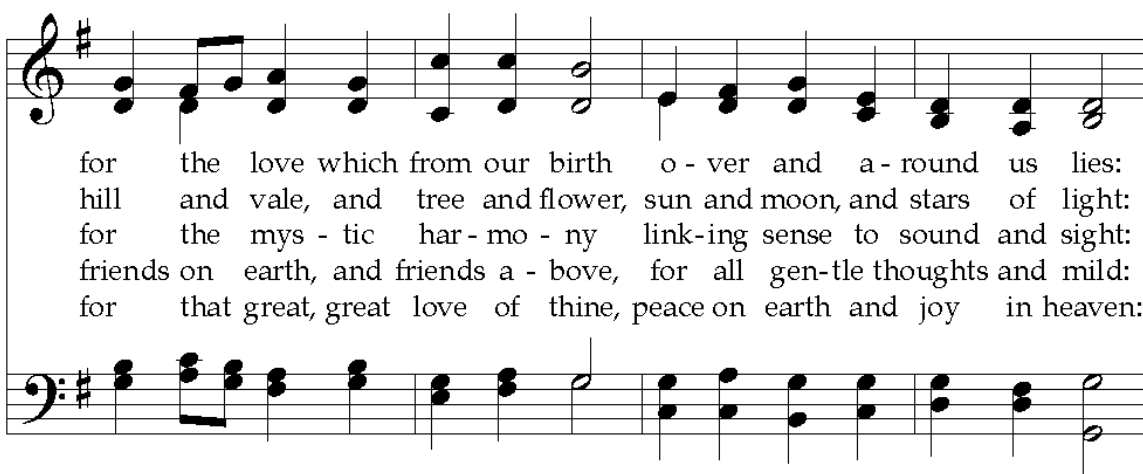
1 Pet. 4:14 – “If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.”

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Spirit of the Living God

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me."

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

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Go to the World!

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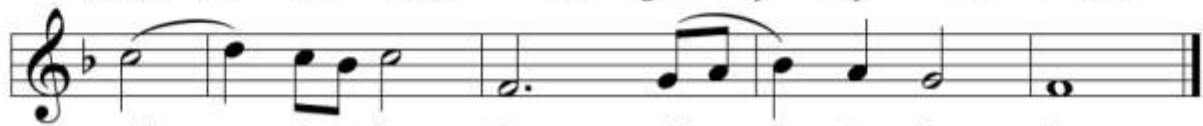
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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