

May 3, 2026
5th Sunday in Easter
Holy Communion
Blessing of Prayer Shawl



Prayer of Preparation

Gail Jackson

Lord, let me rise up, look up and see the glory of you in everything. Let me see you when it's hard to see you. Let me feel you when it seems that it's only pain and despair in my repertoire of emotions. Let me hear you in the sweet whisper of your peace when my soul is troubled; and let me rest in the joy of knowing, you are with me, and this too, shall pass.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

The Lord is our refuge.

We can find peace in God's abiding love.

When troubles assail us, we call upon the Lord.

When joys abound, we call upon the Lord.

Welcome this day to God's house, one of many dwellings of the Almighty One.

We thank you and praise God for his refuge and sanctuary. AMEN.

***Hymn**

Seek Ye First

GTG 175

***Confessing Our Separation from God** (unison)

Liturgist

O Lord Jesus Christ, you have said that you are the way, the truth, and the life. Bring me out of my distress. Heal my troubled heart with your love, heal my anxious heart with your presence and do not let me stray from you who are the way, nor to distrust you who are the truth, nor to rest in anything other than you, who are the life. Amen!

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jesus, Draw Me Close

Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close;

Closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination Liturgist

Gospel Lesson John 14:1-14 Liturgist
Source: New International Version

Anthem *Somewhere* Leonard Bernstein and
Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento Stephen Sondheim

Reflection Troubled Hearts

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

**Prayers of the People of God:
Joys and Hopes**

Blessing of Prayer Shawl Rev. Marjorie Egger
Woven with love and compassion for Paula Malobicky and Bonnie Ekas

The Act of Gratitude
Offertory *To God Be the Glory* GTG 634

***Doxology** GTG 606
Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison) Liturgist
Receive these gifts this morning, O God, author of every good gift. Out of the bounty of our hearts, we respond with faithful generosity and love. May these gifts become blessings for others as they have been blessings for us. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Hymn of Invitation

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with Thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

Liturgist

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right to give thanks and praise...Great is the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Words of Institution & Sharing the Bread & the Cup

Communion Prayer

Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted. And yet, we received everything that we needed. For this, we pray the way your son, our Lord and Savior taught us to pray... "Our Father..."

We Follow God's Word into the World

*Hymn

How Great Thou Art

GTG 625

*Benediction

Postlude

Lead On, O King Eternal!

Henry Thomas Smart

Next Week's Liturgist: Charlotte Jacobs

Ernest Shurtleff

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Eddie Jusino

Music: David Libby

Parish Associate: Rev. Marjorie Egger

Vocalists: Tina Marie Casamento

Ushers: Jim Miller & Greg Estes

The Westminster Choir

Liturgist: Deb Norton

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARKING METERS IN EFFECT MAY 15- SEPTEMBER 15- The City of Rehoboth does not ticket cars parked on the streets adjacent to the church for those attending worship until 12pm. It is suggested that you leave a copy of last week's worship bulletin on your dash so parking enforcement knows you are attending worship.

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE- Join us directly after worship for this important Biblical ministry. Members are welcome to host on an open Sunday or contribute items to any Sunday hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

May 10- Light Fare

May 17- No Fellowship – St. Edmond's Picnic

May 24- Open for Hosting

May 31- MOC Hosting

HOME COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE- served at your home the first Sunday of each month by our Home Communion Ministry team. Please contact Carol Pillsbury at 609-902-9024 or carolpillsbury1@gmail.com if you wish to have Home Communion.

ADULT ED WITH ALAN KEOHANE WEDNESDAY APRIL 8 – JUNE 3 AT 10 AM VIA ZOOM- We'll take a look at the divided kingdom of Israel as described in I and II Kings. Check the Back of the Bulletin email for the zoom link.

2ND ANNUAL ELEANOR MARCHTMON LEGACY DRIVE APRIL 26 - MAY 10
Help us support the Community Resource Center with a donation of food, personal care products, or money for bus passes. The complete list can be found in the Back of the Bulletin email or at westminster-rehoboth.org

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Grieving/Mourning:

John Hawkins- grieving the loss of his faithful friend and companion, Silvia Ritchie, has moved to assisted living at The Moorings, Room 108.

Ailing:

Rich Pratt- (son of Betty Pratt) ongoing battle with stage 4 melanoma.

Joan Velez- undergoing medical exams this week.

Ernesto Velez- undergoing wound care.

Paula Malobicky- (sister of Bonnie Ekas) diagnosed with liver cancer. Prayers for her, her husband Larry, and their family.

Porter Carlin- (grandson of Marylea and Phil Franz) had successful surgery after rupturing his knee playing lacrosse. He appreciates everyone's prayers.

Danny Gillespie- (son of Lois Gillespie) is now in hospice care.

Marcus Gabriel- (son of Sandra and Bill Hrin's friend) was diagnosed with lymphoma and leukemia and is undergoing treatment for the next 5 weeks.

Danny Russer- Diagnosed with cancer. Started chemo and radiation on April 29.

Jackie Sapio- completed her chemo transfusions and her cancer is in remission.

Mary Shea- (close friend of Don Smith) has stopped treatment for gall bladder cancer and is considering hospice care. Cards can be sent to: 17024 Cadbury Circle, Unit 132 Lewes, DE 19958

Lea Christenson- (friend of Charlotte Jacobs and John Still) has stage 4 liver cancer and is in hospice care.

Greg Estes- requests prayer for his treatment for spinal arthritis.

Legacy Members/Aging with Grace:

Betty Carnahan, Mable Granke, John Hawkins, Esther Lebegern, Barbara Miller, Barbara Morgan, John & Pat Mossel, Bob Nicholson, Sarah Ortolani, Mimi Peters, Ernesto & Joan Velez.



Vision- Aspire To Be:

A welcoming and loving congregation where everyone who gathers matters and belongs.

Mission:

- Spirit-Led: Listening, Loving, and Serving
- Faithful: Guided
- Missional: Active
- Welcoming: Embracing All
- Joy-filled: Celebrating God

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