

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Northside Presbyterian Church – May 2, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the wilderness, water brings life. Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

*In the Word of God, the good news gives light.
Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.*

*In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.
Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.*

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

HYMN – “For Everyone Born” (769, v. 1 – please hum along as you read the words)

**For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

(silence)

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.

GOSPEL – 1 John 3:16-24 – Lucian Robinson

NEW TESTAMENT – Acts 8:26-40

SERMON – “Without Someone to Guide Me, How Could I?”

HYMN – “For Everyone Born” (769, v. 4 – please hum along as you read the words)

**For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live,
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*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.***

... Therefore with all creation we lift our voices, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

Prayer: **Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table with all your people in
heaven and on earth. We have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and
we have been refreshed by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we now go out as
glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, proclaiming his truth, and living his
love for the world. Amen.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG (*please hum along*)

Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.

Adult Forum Sunday School will be on Zoom at 11:30.

Please be in prayer for:

Revathi Balakrishnan

Ann Stinson

Wava Bowles

Susan Dickerson

Paul Angermeier

Pat Modisett

Drew Taylor & family

Susan Miller

Pat Kittle

Edd Stoops

Wanda Price

All those suffering with

Andy & Jean Robeson

Cody Vincil

Covid or grieving the

Ron Pearson

J. D. Olinger

loss of a loved one

Doug Rathjen

Carlos Cox

Musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen

Video Technicians – Marshall Chaney, Bruce Harper