

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Words of Institution

Distribution and Partaking of the Elements

*The elders will be distributing the bread and the juice.
Please partake of the elements at any time, as you feel led.*

Communion Hymn: #525 - "Let Us Break Bread Together" LET US BREAK

SENDING

***Closing Hymn:** #836 - "Abide With Me" EVENTIDE

***Benediction** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

***Benediction Response: 8:45 am—"Irish Blessing"** Linda Spevacek

Postlude: "God is Working His Purpose Out" Martin Shaw
Jim Moore, Organist

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

William Bennett—Director of Music

Jim Moore—Organist

Jewel Tones

Handbells

Sara Kaczmarek, Spiritual Growth Assistant

Mike Homola—Liturgist

Elder-in-Charge: **8:45 am—Mike Homola 11:00 am—Jade Hill**

Ushers: **8:45 am—Pat Tolbert, Julie McCormick, Oden & Marylou**

Semones

11:00 am—Lionel Lawson, Merrilyn Long, Jeff Queen & Rose Warrell

Flowers—The flowers are given to the glory of God by Claude and Ellen Burns in memory of loved ones.



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SUNDAYS AT SPC

Nursery is available 8:30 am-12:15 pm in Room 203

8:45 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

9:45 am—Coffee Fellowship (Lanneau)

10:00 am—Sunday School (Education Wing)

Pre-Reader—Room 103

K-4th—Room 104

Tween (5th-8th)—Room 303

Under the Hill—Room 106

Genesis—Room 101

Seekers —Room 201

10:00 am—Contemporary Service (Gym)

11:00 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 am—Contemporary Small Group (Room 304)

WELCOME

We welcome you to worship this morning! Please fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the offering. A map of our campus is available in the pew racks. If you are a guest with us, we invite you to Lanneau Hall following the service to visit the Welcome Center. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

Children and Nursery—Nursery is available in Room 203. We offer two nurseries, one for ages 0-2 years and the other for ages 3-4 year-olds. We kindly ask that children 5 and above not be dropped off in the nursery. Please ask an usher for a pew pal to help occupy your child during the worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Murphy at summervillepresnursery@gmail.com

STAFF

Rev. Dr. Anita Herbert—Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ralph Herbert—Discipleship Pastor

Sara Kaczmarek—Spiritual Growth Assistant

William Bennett—Director of Music

Jim Moore—Organist

Joe Swisher and Julia Miller—Co-Directors of Contemporary Worship

Cecelia Bond—Finance Manager

Julie McCormick—Administrative Office & Communications

Coordinator

Sheila Wilson & Lauren Sanders—Co-Directors of Mother's Morning Out

Kelly Murphy—Nursery Coordinator

Shirley Gay—Sexton

Bob Hirsch—Sexton

SESSION

Fellowship: Zachary Storti (Chair), Vicky Methot

Nurture: Charlie Harris (Chair), Sharlene Douthit Schneidmuller

Service: Kelli Kemmerer (Chair), Sherry Roberts

Spiritual Growth: Hunter Harris (Chair), Amy Price

Property: Jade Hill (Chair), Doug Hess

Finance: Jeff Bowers (Chair), Robert Pratt

Personnel: Jeff Bowers (Chair)

Worship: Mike Homola (Chair), Kathryn Tupper

Youth Elder: Lily Bennett

Clerk of Session: Oden Semones

DEACONS

Class of 2026 - Sue Avenel, Perry Harris, Barbara Norris, Marylou Semones, Marilynn Shaughnessy

Class of 2027 - Rachel Altman, Vera Devito, Jim Ferro, Skip Fetters, Rose Warrell

Class of 2028 - Barbara Grube, Carol Hetu, Matthew Keller, Carol Wilkins, Tony Young

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TRANSFORMED

ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS:

The Woman at the Well, Peter, Paul

"Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah."

Acts 9:22

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 3, 2026

GATHERING

Please prepare your hearts for worship during the prelude.
“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

Prelude: 8:45 am—“I Will Joyfully Sing” Mary MacDonald
Jewel Tones

11:00 am—“Sharing the Joy” Sandra Eithun
Handbells

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

*Call to Worship:

Jesus the Christ has freed us from death
and brought us into new life.

Through Christ, we have faith and hope in God.

In genuine, mutual love,

let us worship with one heart and one voice.

In reverence and joy, we praise God’s holy name!

***Opening Hymn: #409 - “God is Here”** ABBOT’S LEIGH

*Confession and Pardon

As we continue our celebration
of the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we are called to repent,
remembering that the promise of Jesus Christ
is for us, for our children, for our siblings,
for all who are near and all who are far,
for everyone called to God.
In confidence, let us confess our sin.

Eternally patient God,

we ask again and again, “What should we do?”

And again and again, You say to us, “Repent and return to me.”

Yet we have not changed our ways.

We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways,

and take for granted the grace You have given us.

Once again, we ask You for forgiveness.

Show us the way forward and help us return, once again, to

You.

(Time for silent confession)

Song of Assurance: “Lord Have Mercy” KYRIE
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Through Christ you have come to trust in God,
who raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory,
so that your faith and hope are set on God.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Song of Praise: “Glory Be to the Father”** GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

Please introduce yourself as you pass the peace of Christ.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Church Family Moment Sara Kaczmarkski

Prayer of Illumination:

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of Your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the
good news of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-9

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the
disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for
letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who
belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to
Jerusalem. 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus,
suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the
ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you
persecute me?” 5 He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I
am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city,
and you will be told what you are to do.” 7 The men who were
traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but
saw no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were
open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought
him into Damascus. 9 For three days he was without sight and neither
ate nor drank.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Musical Offering: 8:45 am—“Be Still and Know” Tom Fettke
Jewel Tones

11:00 am— “The Gift of Love” Hal Hopson
Dan Shafer, Soloist and Handbells

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 9:10-22

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10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord
said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.”
11 The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight,
and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At
this moment he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man
named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might
regain his sight.” 13 But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from
many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in
Jerusalem, 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind
all who invoke your name.” 15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is
an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles
and kings and before the people of Israel; 16 I myself will show him
how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” 17 So Ananias
went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said,
“Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way
here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with
the Holy Spirit.” 18 And immediately something like scales fell from
his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was
baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20 and
immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying,
“He is the Son of God.” 21 All who heard him were amazed and said,
“Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who
invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of
bringing them bound before the chief priests?” 22 Saul became
increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in
Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Sermon: “Paul is Transformed by a New Mission”

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