

# The Lord's Service

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026



**COVENANT**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

**Post Tenebras Lux**

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Matthew 18:7-9

“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

### SILENT PRAYER

## GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

### † SALUTATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!!**

### † CALL TO WORSHIP: Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### †\* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 172: “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

### † PRAYER OF ADORATION

† Congregation stands, if able | \* Seating for latecomers at this time | All Scripture readings are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®). ESV® Text Edition: 2016. Copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Assistive listening devices are available for use during worship services. Please inquire at the sound booth.

## **GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION: Romans 6:1-4**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

### **CORPORATE CONFESSION: (kneel as able)**

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

[Silent prayer of personal confession] **Amen.**

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **THE PEACE**

† **GLORIA PATRI (with hands lifted)**

**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, amen.**

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 305: "Arise, My Soul, Arise"**

## GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Proverbs 6:20-35

The grass withers, the flower fades,

**But the Word of our God will stand forever!**     *Isaiah 40:8*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** Colossians 3:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

† **PSALM 24, NO. 68:** "The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein"

† **GOSPEL READING:** **Matthew 5:27-30** (sermon text)

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD:

#### Healing Mutilations

1. The Teaching (vv. 27-28)

2. The Remedy (vv. 29-30)

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic\* church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*catholic=universal*

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

**OFFERTORY**

† **DOXOLOGY** (with hands lifted)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

### + SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing ...

### + SANCTUS

*Sung in unison*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts Heav'n and earth are full\_of your Glo - ry. Ho

san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he\_ who\_ comes\_

in\_ the name of the Lord our God. Ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the High - est.

† **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ  
Communion Meditation Silence  
Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ  
Communion Song, NO. 420: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"  
(printed on back page)**

**PRAYER OF BLESSING**

**GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD**

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 642 "Be Thou My Vision"**

† **BENEDICTION: Hebrews 13:20-21**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who has washed us in the tide  
flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him whose love divine  
gives his sacred blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
paschal victim, paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.

3 Mighty victim from the sky,  
pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;  
death is conquered in the fight,  
thou hast brought us life and light:  
hymns of glory and of praise,  
risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
holy Father, praise to thee,  
with the Spirit, ever be.