



May 10, 2026 – Livestream  
Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

arr. D. Blackwell  
Kurt Fowler, cello

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.  
When the mortal body puts on immortality, the saying will be fulfilled:

**People: Death has been swallowed up in victory.**

Leader: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**People: But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

\*OPENING HYMN #310

*He Lives*

*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him, he's always near.*

*Refrain: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

*In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing will come at last. [Refrain]*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving, so good and kind. [Refrain]*

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM WITH MOTHERS

*Give Us Hope*

J. Papoulis  
Choristers

Rosie Jordan, director; Eric Applegate, piano

Listen to the sound of my voice. Can you feel the beat of my heart?

Listen to the questions I have. Listen to me.

It's all very simple to see what we need.

*(Refrain)* Give us hope, my voice is calling. Can you see? Look in my eyes.

Can you feel? My hand is reaching. Give us hope and we'll show you the way.

Listen to the sound of my voice. *(Calling)*

Can you feel the beat of my heart? *(Pounding)*

Listen to the questions I have. *(Listen)* Listen to me.

We are the future. Help us believe. *(Refrain)*

Take my hand, now look in my eyes. Tell me what you see. *(Refrain)*

#### OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty and ever-living God,**

**you hold together all things in heaven and on earth.**

**In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children,**

**and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace,**

**through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### ANTHEM

*The Christ Theme (Alleluia)*

M. Rosza

#### \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 140

Leader: Deliver me, O Lord, from evildoers;  
protect me from those who are violent,

**People: who plan evil things in their minds  
and stir up wars continually.**

Leader: They make their tongue sharp as a snake's,  
and under their lips is the venom of vipers.

**People: Guard me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked;  
protect me from the violent who have planned my downfall.**

Leader: The arrogant have hidden a trap for me,  
and with cords they have spread a net,  
along the road they have set snares for me.

**People: I say to the Lord, "You are my God;  
give ear, O Lord, to the voice of my supplications."**

Leader: O Lord, my Lord, my strong deliverer,  
you have covered my head in the day of battle.

**People: Do not grant, O Lord, the desires of the wicked;  
do not further their evil plot.**

**Those who surround me lift up their heads;  
let the mischief of their lips overwhelm them!**

Leader: Let burning coals fall on them!  
Let them be flung into pits, no more to rise!

**People: Do not let the slanderer be established in the land;  
may their incompetent wickedness undermine their violence.**

Leader: I know that the Lord maintains the cause of the needy  
and executes justice for the poor.

**People: Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name;  
the upright shall live in your presence.**

## FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-18

<sup>13</sup> Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. <sup>15</sup> Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. <sup>16</sup> But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. <sup>17</sup> Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!

<sup>18</sup> Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN OF PRAYER #472

*Near to the Heart of God*

***There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;  
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.***

***Refrain: O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.***

***There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;  
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. [Refrain]***

***There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God;  
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. [Refrain]***

## PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Leader: This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we pray for the world:  
Christ was raised and Christ is appearing.  
Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**People: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.**

Leader: Therefore, let us pray for mothers,  
who have given life and love that we may show our gratitude;  
for women, though without children of their own,  
have nurtured us that we may honor them;  
for mothers who have lost a child through death that we may comfort them;  
for mothers who have been unable to care for their children that they may be restored.

**People: Loving God,  
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,  
so you watch over us.  
Bless and keep all mothers.  
Where there is faithfulness, bring honor.  
Where there is pain, give healing.  
Keep true in us the love with which we hold one another  
as you hold us in the arms of your mercy. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2043

*Alleluia*

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*O Love*

E. Hagenberg  
Kurt Fowler, cello

O Love, that will not let me go, O Love I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, O, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Love, that will not let me go, O Love I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe and in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be. O Love.

\*DOXOLOGY #94

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\*GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-21

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees nor knows the Spirit. You know because the Spirit abides with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Pledges and Promises*

Darren Cushman Wood

HONORING DENISE PAGE CARAHER'S SERVICE OF CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #322

*Up from the Grave He Arose*

v. 1 current and former choir children; v. 2-3 congregation

***Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!***

**Refrain: *Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!***

*Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

*Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

\*THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

arr. J. Blersch

### Upcoming Events:

Today, Children's Musical, "Open Up!" 9:45am, Fellowship Hall

End of Year Picnic, May 17, 12:30pm

Plant Exchange, May 17, 9:30am – 1:00pm

UWF Carwash Coupon Sale, now – May 31



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### Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

*Senior Pastor*

Jill Moffett

*Pastor of Community Formation*

Brandon Wallace

*Minister of Christian Education*

John Hague

James Horton

Allen McCormack

*Audio Visual*

Kathleen Hacker

*Interim Director of Music*

Heather Hinton

*Organist*

Celebrate  
Denise  
Caraher

May 10 @ Noon

Fellowship Hall

Honoring Denise for more than 40 years of  
Children's Music Ministry at North



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