

**May 3, 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
Moravian Music Sunday
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church**
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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Watchword for the Week: Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

(Please stand if able.)

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16

(L) In you O Lord, we seek refuge. Let us never be put to shame.

(A) In your righteousness, deliver us!

(L) Incline your ear to us; rescue us speedily.

(A) Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress to save us.

L: You are indeed our rock and our fortress; lead us and guide us.

A: Take us out of the net that is hidden for us, for you are our strength.

L: Our times are in your hands. Let your face shine upon your servants.

(ALL) Into your hand we commit our spirits; you have redeemed us, O Lord. Let us worship God!

(Please continue to stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: "Rise Up, O Saints of God" MBW Page 628

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; as heirs of God's baptismal grace, this word of hope proclaim.

**Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace; redress
sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.**

**Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth
your hand of healing now; with love the weak sustain.**

**Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod and
quickenened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God!**

(Please continue to stand if you are comfortable.)

Liturgy: Liturgy: Moravian Music Sunday

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our
salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us
make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Hymn: MIT FREUDEN ZART MWB Page 537

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the
God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. My soul
with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills: to God
all praise and glory!**

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has enabled us to share in the
inheritance of the saints in light.

**He has rescued us from the power of darkness and
transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in
whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

In him all things in heaven and on earth were created.

**He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold
together.**

(Sitting)

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to which indeed we were called in

the one body.

Above all, may we clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Hymn:

REJOICE MWB Page 256

Lord Jesus, you are worthy for all on earth to praise; our hymns in glad thanksgiving in gratitude we raise, for all you did on Calv'ry when suffering on the tree – the world from sin's dominion most wondrously set free.

And I, unworthy sinner when kneeling at your feet, can see that my redemption in you is now complete: in faith I now would serve you through all my earthly days, in faith I now would serve you through all my earthly days, and then in heav'nly glory my hallelujahs raise.

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for every good gift. On this day especially we thank you for your creative gifts to us, which cause us to enrich our lives and experience through science and art, literature and drama, words and music.

For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we sing for joy.

We thank you especially for your gifts to the Moravian Church: devotion to the Savior, simplicity, our strong sense of community and fellowship, and our long-standing dedication to spreading your gospel.

We thank you for our musical heritage, through which we draw closer to you and to one another.

(Please Stand if able.)

Inspire and bless those who write and compose, those who play and sing, those who lead and teach.

As you have helped us through the centuries to sing our faith, so move within each one of us today, that all our gifts may unite in your service.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

In whose holy name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: COVENANT MWB Page 346

Lamb of God, you shall remain forever of our songs the only theme; for your boundless love, your grace and favor, we will praise your saving name; that for our transgressions you were wounded shall by us in nobler strains be sounded, when we, perfected in love, once shall join the church above.

** Lord Jesus, you are worthy © Albert H. Frank. Used by permission.*

(Sitting)

Offering Our Gifts To God:

Offertory:

(Standing)

Doxology: “For the Life That You Have Given” MBW Page 819

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring. Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

Prayer of Blessing: Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

Almighty God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, our Living Stone. As we present these gifts, we offer ourselves to be built into a spiritual house for your glory. Use these resources to reveal the Way, the Truth, and the Life to a troubled world. Fill us with your Spirit to faithfully declare your praises. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen

(Sitting)

God’s Words for us Today:

1st Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10 Pew Bible Page 1271

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

The Living Stone and a Chosen People

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,” and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Gospel: John 14:1-14 Pew Bible Page 1129

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus the Way to the Father

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

The Sermon:

Pastor Patricia Honszer

Hymn Resp: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with your Love” MBW Page 577 vs 2,3,5

Refrain: Je-su, ___ Je-su, _____ fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

Neigh-bors are rich ___ and poor, var-ied in col-or and race, neigh-bors are near ___ and far ___ a-way. Je-su, ___ Je-su, _____ fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love, all ___ are neigh-bors to us _____ and you. ___ Je-su, _____ Je-su, _____ fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends, si-lent-ly wash-ing their feet, this is the way we should live ___ with you. _____ Je-su, _____ Je-su, _____ fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

Prayers of The People:

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 trespasses as we

forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(Please stand if able.)

Sending Hymn: “We Are Called to be God’s People” MBW Page 635

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace, one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race. Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us at his own, let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God’s servants, working in his world today; taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey. Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all, that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right, standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light. Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill, that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

Benediction

Musical Response: (ALL) In the name of Jesus’. Amen

Postlude:

Pastors and Co - Leaders for May, 2026

May 10, 2026 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Brother Jimmy Jimenez

May 17, 2026 - Sister Susan Attzs Mendoza/Sister Donna Ziegeler

May 24, 2026 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant/Brother Todd Hallett

May 31, 2026 - Pastor Earl Goldburne/Brother Jim Jimenez

Next Sunday, May 10, 2026, we will celebrate Mother’s Day. We welcome Pastor Jesus Laguerra. We look forward to seeing you all here.