

# The **Philippians** **Believe**

**HERE I AM**

HERE IS THE ARC OF GOD'S STORY  
FROM CREATION TO RE-CREATION.

HERE IS OUR STORY  
WRITTEN BY THE  
AUTHOR & PERFECTER  
OF OUR FAITH.

HERE I AM IN GOD'S STORY.

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**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 10, 2026**  
**MOTHER'S DAY**

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## ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SING

This service is based on the Praise service in the hymn/songbook, All God's People Sing.

**Anthem** "Living Praise" & "Apple-Red Happiness" **Children's Choirs**

**Opening Hymn**

**For All the Faithful Women**

LSB 855 sts. 1-2, 13, 3-4



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en Who served in days of old,  
 2 For Eu - nice and for Lo - is We sing our thanks and praise.  
 3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known  
 △ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.  
 Young Tim - o - thy they nur - tured And led him in Your ways.  
 In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,  
 All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.  
 Raise up in ev - 'ry house - hold True teach - ers of Your Word  
 We of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise  
 With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.  
 Whose lives will bear clear wit - ness To Christ, our ris - en Lord.  
 That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.  
 We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

### ***Invocation***

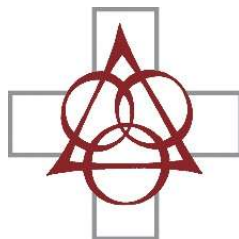
P: In the Name of God the Father:      **C: Praise to our creating God!**  
P: In the Name of His Son, Jesus:      **C: Praise to our redeeming God!**  
P: In the Name of God the Spirit:      **C: Praise to our renewing God!**  
P: Let us join our thankful voices,      **C: Amen! Amen! Praise the Lord!**

### ***Confession (based on Psalm 51)***

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing love;  
**C: according to Your great compassion, wipe out our sin.**  
P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C: have mercy on us.**  
P: Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
**C: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**  
P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C: have mercy on us.**  
P: O Lord, open my lips,  
**C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C: have mercy on us. Amen.**

### ***Absolution (based on Psalm 103)***

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He does not deal with you according to your sins,  
nor repay you according to your iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove your transgressions from you.  
According to this Word from the Lord, and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins in the Name of the  
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Bless His Holy Name! Amen.**



**Song of Praise**

**The Joy of the Lord is my Strength**

1 The joy — of the Lord — is my strength; The  
4 He heals the bro-ken-heart-ed and they cry no more, He  
joy — of the Lord — is my strength; The joy — of the  
heals the bro-ken-heart-ed and they cry no more. He heals the bro-ken-  
Lord — is my strength; The joy of the Lord is my strength,  
heart-ed and they cry no more, The joy of the Lord is my strength.

*Repeat 1st stanza*

**Words of Praise**

P: From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator’s praise arise;

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: Let the redeemer’s name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: Eternal are Your mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Your Word;

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, ’Til suns shall rise and set no more.

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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## **Today's Narrative Lectionary Reading**

## **Philippians 1:1-18a (NET)**

A letter from Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and deacons. <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> I always pray with joy in my every prayer for all of you <sup>5</sup> because of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> For I am sure of this very thing, that the one who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> For it is right for me to think this about all of you, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel all of you became partners in God's grace together with me. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness that I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And I pray this, that your love may abound even more and more in knowledge and every kind of insight <sup>10</sup> so that you can decide what is best, and thus be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

<sup>12</sup> I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that my situation has actually turned out to advance the gospel: <sup>13</sup> The whole imperial guard and everyone else knows that I am in prison for the sake of Christ, <sup>14</sup> and most of the brothers and sisters, having confidence in the Lord because of my imprisonment, now more than ever dare to speak the word fearlessly.

<sup>15</sup> Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. <sup>16</sup> The latter do so from love because they know that I am placed here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former proclaim Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, because they think they can cause trouble for me in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What is the result? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is being proclaimed, and in this I rejoice.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Collect (Prayer for the Reading)**

P: Jesus Christ, we give You thanks that You promised to pray, to intercede with the Father on our behalf. You promised that You give thanks for us, and we give thanks for one another. You pray with joy that You have accomplished our salvation, and we give thanks to the Father for sending You to live and die and rise again for us. Even as You praise Your Father, may we always praise You, His Son, our Lord, along with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**





## ***Praise for the Wisdom of God – a Gift to Us Through the Holy Spirit***

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.***

P: The wisdom of God transforms our “heart life.”

**C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.***

P: Lord, teach us to number our days, and live according to Your wisdom.

**C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.***

P: In Christ, we have received the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

**C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.***

P: May the body of Christ be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

**C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise. Amen.***

## ***Offering & Prayer Requests***

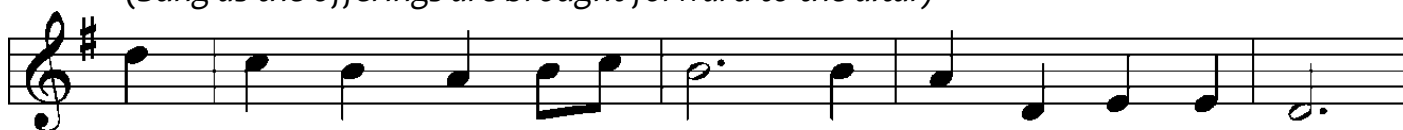
In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

## ***Offertory***

### ***We Give Thee But Thine Own***

LSB 781 sts. 1–2

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

## ***Prayers***

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

**Benediction**

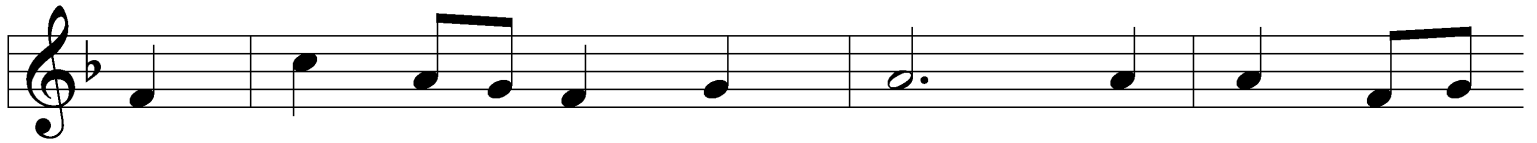
P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

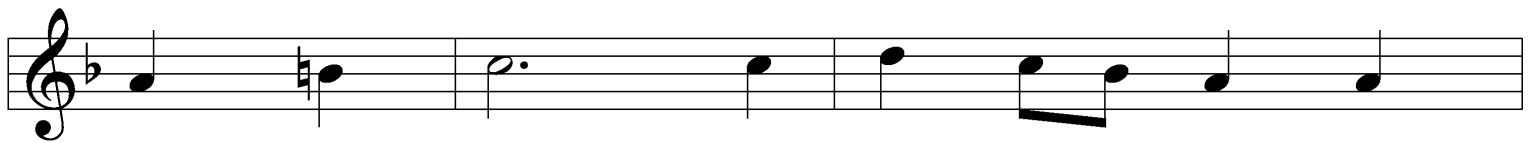
**Closing Hymn**

**Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng**

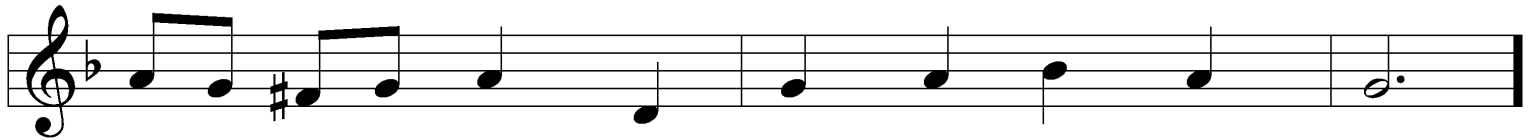
LSB 813 sts. 1, ref, 2, 6-7



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give  
2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's  
6 At last the march shall end; The wea - ried  
△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom

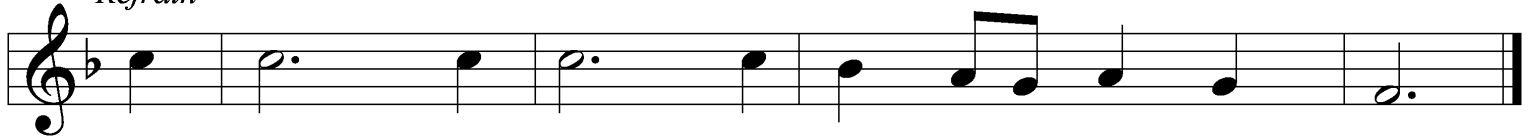


thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner  
surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy  
ones shall rest; The pil - grims find their  
we a - dore: The Fa - ther, Son, and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.  
hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.  
home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.  
Ho - ly Ghost, One God for - ev - er - more.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

**Announcements**