



# Purpose

PROCLAIM. MAKE. MOVE.  
A SERMON SERIES

**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

arr. Robert Hobby

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

### OPENING LITURGY

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

**C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is gracious.

**C: For his mercy endures forever.**

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**C: Whose mercy has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

P: Without having seen Him, we love Him and we believe in Him,

**C: Receiving the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.**

P: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

**C: To receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**

P: To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

**C: Be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

P: As we gather together in the new life Christ has won for us, we confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness. We do this regularly so that we might hear again the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul writes, “Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” Let us take a moment and reflect upon and confess our sins before God.

*[Moment of silent confession]*

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father:

**C: Most merciful God, we are unworthy of Your love because we have sinned by what we have done and left undone. We have at times abandoned the new life given to us through our Savior’s work by sinning against You and others in thought, word, and deed. We lock up in ourselves feelings of guilt, shame, and doubt. We often seek peace for ourselves in ways outside of the peace for our souls that Christ has come to bring. Forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has been so merciful to us by giving His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiven all our sins. By the power of His Holy Spirit, He has worked faith in our hearts, and transformed us to live as His disciples, reminding us always that in Jesus Christ, our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we are now called to live a new life in His truth and grace. May He continue to strengthen us, forgive us, and renew us to live as His beloved and redeemed children.

**C: Amen.**

P: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**RESPONSE “Alleluia, Christ is Risen”**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 18:24-28 [ESV]**

Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

R: This is the Word of Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL LESSON John 4:25-30; 39-42 [ESV]**

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

R: This is the Gospel of Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

## **STATEMENT of FAITH from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20**

P: Let us now confess our faith in our risen Lord, from the words of Holy Scripture, the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**C: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy.**

**For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.**

**RESPONSE “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”**

**SERMON “MAKE DISCIPLES (INDIVIDUALLY)”**

**OFFERING**

**RESPONSE “For All the Faithful Women”**

**PRAYERS of the CHURCH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**THE PREFACE**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

**P:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns forever as Lord and God, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with Thomas and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## **SANCTUS**

## **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

## **THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

“Voluntary”

Douglas Wagner

*Organ*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Postlude”

Douglas Wagner

*Organ*



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