

The People of God Gathered to Worship As  
**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM**

**May 10, 2026**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, our gifts are small next to all that you have given us. Take our gifts, LORD, and make them holy, so that they may help to feed the hungry, grow the church, and share your Light with a world lost in darkness. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

***Take My Life***  
**v. 1,3,5 #391 Presbyterian Hymnal**

**Benediction**

**Song of Sending**

***LORD, Dismiss us with thy Blessing***  
**#237 Celebration Hymnal**

**Pastor:** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**The Postlude**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

**LEADER:** People of God, the LORD is our Shepherd!

**PEOPLE:** **We walk as God's flock, we sing our God's Praises!**

**LEADER:** People of God, Christ is the Gate!

**PEOPLE:** **Those sent by Christ come by Christ!**

**LEADER:** People of God, let us worship, Let us worship  
our Risen Savior!

**PEOPLE:** **HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

**Opening Hymn**

***Come Sing O Church in Joy***  
**v. 1-4 #430 Presbyterian Hymnal**

**Prayers of the People 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.**

## Passing of the Peace

Let us greet one another as forgiven sinners  
with the peace of Christ:

*“May the Peace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you!  
And also, with you.”*

## Hymn of Illumination

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*  
v. 1 #321 Presbyterian Hymnal

## First Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-28 - See Insert

## A Moment with the Children - The Unknown

## Anthem – *For The Beauty Of The Earth*

## Second Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22 - See Insert

## Prayer of Illumination

## Sermon - Who Hates You For Doing Good? Pastor Dan McCurdy

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we are sinful people living in a sinful world. All around us, everyday we see more and more signs of how the world requires your love, your power, and your beauty. We have not done all that you call us to do, and we do many things you tell us not to do. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, and might, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We complicate morality unnecessarily, trying to show how hate is love, rather than simply loving others. Forgive us, LORD, hear our cry for you to come and set all that is wrong right, and listen to the silent confessions of our hearts.**

## Moment of Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

## Gloria Patri

**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.**

## Affirmation of Faith

*(The Apostles Creed)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator 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.**

## Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

The Gifts of God are all around us, our lives and our homes, our talents and our joys, our family and friends, and the greatest gift of all was the Salvation promised, the life of Christ seeking to end our division from God and each other. When we give, we do not do so to purchase anything... for the gifts of God were already given. Instead, we give in imitation of our LORD, offering what we have to support others, and to be ourselves the gift that God gives the World, so let us worship God with our Giving.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

### Acts 17:22-28

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

### 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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May 10, 2026 Worship Team	
<b>Pastor</b>	Dan McCurdy
<b>Liturgist</b>	Martha Burdick
<b>Musicians</b>	Choir
<b>Music Director</b>	Vicki Arndt
<b>Accompanist</b>	Julie Baker
<b>Sound Room</b>	Audrey Steinborn
<b>Usher</b>	Mike Siekert

**Tithes and Offerings**

Donations can be mailed to:

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***Tabitha Circle***  
***1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays***  
***11:30am-2:30pm***  
***Bring A Lunch***

***Exercise Group***  
***Tuesdays and Fridays***  
***9:00 to 10:00 am***  
***Fellowship Hall***

***The ongoing mission of The Presbyterian Women is to support the Salvation Army and WINN (What I Need Now) collecting needed items (lists are on tables and Lamplighter). All items can be placed in the purple tote at the back of the sanctuary. Money donations are accepted as well.***

**Support the West Salem Food Pantry - Please bring food and home donations and place them in the shopping carts between the entryway doors.**

**Community Dinner  
May 27th - 5-6 pm**

**Blood Drive  
June 1<sup>st</sup>  
11:30-4:30  
Fellowship Hall**

**Name tags are available for everyone.  
Name tags are on back table  
in the Sanctuary before service.**

**Get ready for Meals for Missions during the  
village wide rummage sale weekend  
Friday, May 15th  
11:00 AM–2:00 PM**

***Stop by, grab a bite, and support a great cause. We'll be serving up a tasty lunch featuring hot dogs, brats, chip, soda, and bottled water—perfect for a quick and delicious break while you're out and about rummage sailing.***

***To help make the plant sale a success, we're inviting members of the congregation to donate plants if you have extras to share. Every contribution helps support our mission efforts! Bring a friend, enjoy some good food, and help make a difference. We hope to see you there!***

**We are accepting applications for Summer Camp Scholarships.  
The application form can be found attached to the weekly PCOWS email. There are also printed copies at the back of the church.  
All applications are due May 17th.**

**For The Beauty Of The Earth**

**For Thy church, that evermore**

**Lifteth holy hands above**

**Offering up on every shore**

**Her pure sacrifice of love**

**Lord of all to Thee we raise**

**This our hymn of grateful praise.**

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