

*Communion Sunday Service*  
*May 3, 2026, 10:00 A.M.*

**“The Peace That God Gives”**

*By: Pastor Joy Matos*

**PRELUDE:** SILENT MEDITATION (Contemplative Music)

**MEDITATION SCRIPTURE:** John 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Congregation in BOLD

- P: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!  
C: I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore, I hate every wrong path.  
P: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.  
C: Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.  
ALL: My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

**OPENING HYMN:** (PLEASE STAND)  
# 459 (Black Hymnal) "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:** (ALL, PLEASE SPEAK SLOWLY)

Heavenly Father, we thank You for not leaving us alone. In the past You spoke through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but then You sent Your Son, Jesus, who is the radiance of Your glory and the exact representation of God's being. When He went away You gave us Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Lord, we submit to You. Open our eyes that we might know You and obey You, that Your name might be glorified in us and through us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**CALL TO PRAISE** (*Congregation in bold*)

Lift up your hearts!  
We lift them up unto the Lord.  
O Lord, open Thou our lips.  
And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

GLORIA PATRI (*Sung in unison*)  
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.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** *John 14:15-27* Jane Hodge

**SERMON:** "The Peace That God Gives" Pastor Joy

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** (PASTOR)

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:** (PASTOR)

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** (PASTOR)

**SHARING OF THE CUP AND BREAD:** (PASTOR)

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:** ALL

Thank you, Lord, for forgiving our sins and healing all our diseases, for redeeming our life from the pit and crowning us with your love and compassion. Help us to live lives worthy of what You have done for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** (PLEASE STAND)

#224 (Black Hymnal) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**OFFERTORY INVITATION:**

Lord, help us to be as generous in our giving as you have been generous in giving to us. (Ushers Will Pass The Collection Plates)

THE CHOIR WILL SING FOR US:

# 500 (Black Hymnal) "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

**DOXOLOGY:** #515 (Red Hymnal)

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (PASTOR)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** (PLEASE SPEAK LOUDLY)

**A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER:**

**PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** (ALL PLEASE SPEAK SLOWLY)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom. the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**MUSICAL RESPONSE:** (MUSICAL INTERLUDE)

**CLOSING HYMN:** (PLEASE STAND)

# 473 (Black Hymnal) "Blessed Assurance"

**BENEDICTION:** (IN UNISON & HOLD HANDS)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us. Amen.

**POSTLUDE:** (CONTEMPLATIVE MUSIC)