

5th Sunday of Easter

First Presbyterian Church of Newhall

May 18, 2025

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ With Us Abide
By J.S. Bach

Jerah Fowler, Piano

Welcome / Announcements

Pastor Rosie DiBianca

Call to Worship

Val Boss

Leader: Your disciples found the courage to visit the tomb, they rose early, they faced their grief.

People: Instead of pain they discovered a miracle, one with deepening layers of discovery.

Leader: The miracle was mysterious – is it good that Jesus body was gone?

People: Grant us the strength and courage to remain in the midst of mystery - we gather to worship.

Hymn #469

Morning Has Broken

Call to Confession

Val Boss

Not unlike our ancestors of faith Adam and Eve when we sin we are tempted to run and hide.

You called out to them, and You call out to us. Give us the courage to answer Your call, draw near to You, and be honest.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Val Boss

Almighty God, it's hard for us to face our sin – we'd much rather run, hide, deny, blame or make excuses. Remind us that Jesus described himself as: the way, the truth and the life. Forgive us for the ways we have failed You, ourselves and those around us. As Your mercy covers us again, anew, help us to know Jesus by seeking the truth, following his way, and pursuing the abundant and everlasting life he offers by grace through faith in the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

(Silent personal confession)

Elder: Amen. **People: Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Val Boss

When Jesus appeared to Mary she mistook him for the gardener, but, she wasn't wrong to perceive of him in this way, for God created the garden of Eden and put us there to tend it.

People: We rejoice that God's mercy covers not only us but the whole earth and all life within it – by grace through faith we are part of the new Creation, praise the Lord!

Gloria Patri - Glory Be to the Father

Passing of the Peace		Pastor Rosie DiBianca
Time for Children		Bryce Morrow
Minute for Mission	Amor	John Favalessa
Anthem	To Be Announced	Chancel Choir Choir Conductor A.O.S. Stout
Sermon Series	Resurrection Stories: Seeing Jesus	
Scripture	John 20:1-18	Rev. Rich Poole
Message	Show up, Stay, and Go Onwards	Rev. Rich Poole
Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Rosie DiBianca
Offertory	The Holy City By Stephen Adams	Jeriah Fowler, Piano
Doxology	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	
Prayer of Dedication (Unison)		Val Boss
Almighty God, we praise You for Your faithfulness to us, and, by grace through faith we desire to improve our faithfulness to You and Your call on our lives. Receive these gifts we bring, bless, multiply and expand them as You use them, and us, in Your work to redeem and transform all things we pray in Your Holy name, Amen.		
Charge		Rev. Rich Poole
Benediction	Song of Simeon By Nunc Dimittis	Chancel Choir
Postlude	Sonata in G Minor K8 By Domenico Scarlatti	Jeriah Fowler, Piano