



**TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 2, 2021

**WELCOME**

Pastor Jeanie Shaw

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jonas Ellison

**\* ♪ GATHERING SONG – “We Have Been Told”**

Lorelle Banzett, Miriam Hoffmann

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Denny Lott

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING**

**1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*THE GOSPEL READING            John 15:1-8**

Jonas Ellison

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel, the Good News of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**MEDITATION – “The Wonder of God’s Love”**

Pastor Jeanie

**♪ SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD – “A New Commandment”**

**OFFERING AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

Jonas Ellison

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**\*THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*The pastor continues with the Words of Institution and sharing of the meal.*

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP OF LIFE**

**♪ “Where True Charity and Love Abide”**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

*Pastor will lead the Lord’s Prayer in the ecumenical version. You are welcome to pray however you choose.*

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,  
    your kingdom come, your will be done,  
    on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
    now and forever. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING**

Go in peace. Live in the wonder of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

*We invite you to participate from home on sections typed in bold. And, if you would like, we invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk \**

Thank you for joining us online this morning as we worship from our homes. We have chosen to worship online so that when we are able to come back together and worship in person, no one will be missing. Although the building has been closed, our church and worship have always been open! God's grace and peace to you and your family.

We thank everyone who generously supports this ministry and enables us to continue to be an online worship presence. Gifts may be made online through our website at [TLPC.org](http://TLPC.org) or mailed to: **Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church PO Box 10620 Truckee, CA 96162**

Our Congregation has a heart for missions: locally, nationally, and in God's world. With your support we give to Sierra Community House (Hunger Relief, Crisis Intervention & Prevention, Family Support & Community Engagement, Mediation & Legal Assistance); North Tahoe-Truckee Homeless Services; Healthy Babies; International Health Partners Tanzania; Hands of Hope Zimbabwe; youth service trips to Nicaragua and Alaska; adult disaster trips locally and around the world; and the responsible, vigorous mission work of the Presbyterian Church USA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in our nation and world. Additionally, in this year of pandemic, our congregation has supported local essential workers.

We are in the season of Eastertide, the 40 days of Easter that will conclude on Pentecost, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please check the TLPC NEWS, emailed every Saturday, or email [office@tlpc.org](mailto:office@tlpc.org) for more information on how to participate.

**TLPC Council has decided to begin in-person outdoor worship on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am (weather permitting). We will of course be continuing our worship online!**

**Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church**



**Follow Jesus. Love All. Serve Others.**