

net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." ¹⁸Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Message Spiritual Awakenings: Doubt *Pastor Steve*

***Hymn 427** You Are My All in All

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
In Jesus' name. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

***Hymn 434** If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death

***Benediction / Parting Music**

NOTES:

This evening Waysiders will be providing dinner at the Columbia Dream Center of our sister congregation, the Columbia Presbyterian Church.

Next week, Ruling Elder Paula Gilbert will be sharing her personal testimony. Bring Mom to church for Mother's Day!



Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Fritz, Pastor



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**May 4, 2025
 9:00 am**

Staffed Nursery, Wheelchair, Hearing Assist System & Large Print Bibles available. See the A/V booth for assistance.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY
3rd Sunday of Easter

"Walking with Jesus, sharing Christ along the way"

Welcome to Wayside! We are delighted to have first-time guests and returning friends with us in worship this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we encourage you to sojourn with us throughout the Easter season to get a sense of fit for your spiritual needs. Let us know how we may serve you. Fill out a contact card and we'll keep you apprised of other opportunities to connect. May this week be faithful and blessed.

****Please stand as able in body or spirit.***

Gathering Music *Janelle Pabon, Music Director*

Lighting of the Worship & Peace Candles - Acolyte

Greeting / Passing the Peace of Christ / Ways to Connect *Pastor Steve*

ONE: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

Responsive Call to Worship Revelation 5:11-14 *Lori Nimmon, Liturgist*

ONE: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.

ALL: In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

ONE: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

ALL: The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

ONE: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us join in the heavenly chorus and worship the risen Lamb of God.

***Hymn 317 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)** Crown Him with Many Crowns

Call to Confession Acts 9:1-6 *Liturgist*

¹Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. ⁶"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Unison Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

Merciful God, we bow before your throne of grace admitting we have caused or enabled suffering in others, and that we have not loved and followed you with our whole heart. We have put politics over people, and in our zeal to serve our own agendas have neglected the mission of your church. Hear our confession. Empower us by your Spirit to reprioritize life around the risen Christ and to be at peace in our time of death. Restore to us the joy of the Lord in family and community, and raise us to new life in the ministry and witness of this congregation. We pray in Jesus' name. *(continue in silent personal confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 61:1-3

Liturgist

¹The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ²to proclaim the year of the Lord 's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³and provide for those who grieve in Zion- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are, I am, forgiven.

***Hymn 734** Glory Be to the Father / *Gloria Patri*

Prayer Table for Giving and Lighting Candles / Offertory

***Hymn 34** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow / *Doxology*



***Prayer of Dedication**

Gospel Lesson

John 21:1-19

Pastor Steve

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. ⁶He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. ⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the