

MT. LEBANON EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, May 3, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Larson

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the Lord, my soul.

People: I will praise the Lord all my life;

Leader: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

People: Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

Leader: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

People: Whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Leader: He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.

People: He remains faithful forever

Leader: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

People: The Lord sets prisoners free; He gives sight to the blind,

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,

People: The Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

People: But he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

All: The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

OPENING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus'Name" #16

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you, and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God, and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things, we ask for your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be, regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. Create in us clean hearts and renew the right spirit within us. By the grace of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN OF ASSURANCE "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" #407

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

TIME FOR GREETING

GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" #813

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 15:1-8 Deacon Eileen Tenenbaum
Ephesians 1:15-23

SERMON "Only by the Grace of God" Rev. Carolyn Poteet

PASTORAL PRAYER

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day, He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there, He shall 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“If We Ever Needed the Lord
Before”

Dorsey/Larson

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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.

CLOSING HYMN

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Wagner

