

“TAKE 10 - Worship While Away” (Sunday, May 3, 2026)

Share:

Christ is a living stone, precious in God’s sight, and on him we build our lives.

**We are God’s people, and we proclaim God’s mighty acts,
for we have been called out of darkness and into the light.**

Once we were not a people, but now we are God’s people;
once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

With hearts lifted in praise, we come to worship, gathered around the Table of our Lord.

Read these words from a hymn:

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Here, O Lord, your servants gather, hand we link with hand;
looking toward our Savior’s cross, joined in love we stand.

As we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray:
Jesus, Savior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.

Many are the tongues we speak, scattered are the lands;
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love’s demands.

While in darkness hope appears, calling age and youth:
Jesus, teacher, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.

Nature’s secrets open wide, changes never cease;
where, O where, can weary souls find the source of peace?

Unto all those sore distressed, torn by endless strife:
Jesus, healer, bring your balm, for you are the Life.

Grant, O God, an age renewed, filled with deathless love;
help us as we work and pray; send us from above

truth and courage, faith and power needed in our strife:
Jesus, Savior, be our Way; be our Truth, our Life.

Read this scripture from worship:

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, *The Message*

¹⁻² I run to you, God; I run for dear life. Don’t let me down! Take me seriously this time!
Get down on my level and listen, and please—no procrastination! Your granite cave a
hiding place, your high cliff nest a place of safety.

³⁻⁵ You’re my cave to hide in, my cliff to climb. Be my safe leader, be my true mountain
guide. Free me from hidden traps; I want to hide in you. I’ve put my life in your hands.
You won’t drop me, you’ll never let me down.

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ Hour by hour I place my days in your hand, safe from the hands out to get me.
Warm me, your servant, with a smile; save me because you love me.

John 14:1-14, *The Message*

¹⁻⁴ “Don’t let this rattle you. You trust God, don’t you? Trust me. There is plenty of room
for you in my Father’s home. If that weren’t so, would I have told you that I’m on my way
to get a room ready for you? And if I’m on my way to get your room ready, I’ll come

back and get you so you can live where I live. And you already know the road I'm taking."

⁵ Thomas said, "Master, we have no idea where you're going. How do you expect us to know the road?"

⁶⁻⁷ Jesus said, "I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him. You've even seen him!"

⁸ Philip said, "Master, show us the Father; then we'll be content."

⁹⁻¹⁰ "You've been with me all this time, Philip, and you still don't understand? To see me is to see the Father. So how can you ask, 'Where is the Father?' Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you aren't mere words. I don't just make them up on my own. The Father who resides in me crafts each word into a divine act.

¹¹⁻¹⁴ "Believe me: I am in my Father and my Father is in me. If you can't believe that, believe what you see—these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I'm doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I've been doing. You can count on it. From now on, whatever you request along the lines of who I am and what I am doing, I'll do it. That's how the Father will be seen for who he is in the Son. I mean it. Whatever you request in this way, I'll do.

Talk Together:

- What is your favorite room in your house? Why?
- What problems are the disciples struggling with as Jesus gathers with them for his farewell?
- How does Jesus' response to Thomas help the disciples and us to understand?
- If Jesus is the way, do you feel you are on a bumpy dead-end street, or on a four-lane highway? Why?
- How are you called to live into the way, truth, and life of Jesus?
- What are the "greater works" we are called to do, and how is this possible? Does Jesus mean the church will do works greater in power? Greater in scope? How could this be?
- How will Jesus' farewell words shape you this week?

Pray together:

God of all journeys, the road we travel is stony, and often we struggle to hold fast to hope. But in you, we find new courage, new purpose, and new life. By your grace, teach us to live as your Easter people, with mercy, compassion, and justice. Guide us with your light, that in your all-sufficient presence, we might raise our voices in endless praise. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.