

#### RESURRECTION CHURCH

# Worship Gathering | 9.21.25

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **CALLED BY GOD INTO WORSHIP**

# The Greeting - Raul

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[Let us worship the Lord in one body and one voice:]

Praise the Lord! All:

again

# Song of Response: Mercies (New Every Morning)

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In brokenness and wandering All Your mercies rising Through all my fear and unbelief In this heart again Your faithfulness appears to me again And my soul begins to sing

Through mountain top and valley low

In every season this I know They are new every morning

Your goodness like the dawn will break New ev'ry morning Great is Your faithfulness

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In Your endless grace You give

Flowing from the Father's heart to mine

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Beams of Heaven as I go

In this heart again

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Before the throne of God above I know that while in heav'n He stands I have a strong and perfect plea No tongue can bid me thence depart A great High Priest whose name is Love No tongue can bid me thence depart

Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands

When Satan tempts me to despair

My name is written on His heart

And tells me of the guilt within

Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
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Behold Him there the risen Lamb

My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
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Song of Thanksgiving: The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise him all creatures here below Praise him above ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

A Dios el padre celestial Al Hijo nuestro redentor Y al eternal Consolador Unidos todos alabad. Amen

INVITED BY GOD INTO COMMUNITY Passing of Peace - Kaitlin

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Many: And also with you!

Uno: La paz de Cristo este contigo

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#### Res Kids Dismissal - Kaitlin

- Parents, if you've already checked your kids in, send them down with the volunteer in the back of the room! If you haven't checked them in, please go down with them.
- The room to your left is open for diaper changing and nursing. Our kids will rejoin us after the close of the sermon, so keep an eye out for your little one.
- OPTIONAL PRAYER: "Almighty God, heavenly Father, thank you for the joy and care of children. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

# Greeting

# Community Prayer - Drea Neighborhood Spotlight - Drea

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# **NOURISHED BY GOD AT THE TABLE**

The Lord's Supper - Schuyler

Invitation

# **Apostles Creed**

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Almighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and bless these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be bound in fellowship to all who share this feast, united in mission throughout the world. Keep us faithful in your mission until Christ comes in final victory, that we may feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal Kingdom. Amen.

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#### The Communion

#### Concluding Prayer + Prayer Volunteer - Raul

# Song of Response: Promises

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God of Abraham, God of covenant

And of faithful promises

Time and time again You have proven

You'll do just what you said

Though the storms may come And the winds may blow

I'll remain steadfast

And let my heart learn When you speak a word

It will come to pass

Great is your faithfulness to me Great is your faithfulness to me

From the rising sun, to the setting same

I will praise your name

Great is your faithfulness to me

God from age to age, though the earth may

pass away,

Your word remains the same

You're history can prove there's nothing You

can't do,

You're faithful and true

I put my faith in Jesus
My anchor to the ground
My hope and firm foundation

He'll never let me down

#### SENT BY GOD INTO THE WORLD

# **Blessing: Kaitlin**

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### Sending - Kaitlin

One: Now may the living God fill you with all joy and peace, love and hope,

so that by the power of the Spirit you overflow with courage, conviction, and

creativity at work, in the neighborhood, at home, and at rest.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

# Scripture Reading (English) - Genesis 21:22-34 (ESV) - Elliot

<sup>22</sup> At that time Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army said to Abraham, "God is with you in all that you do. <sup>23</sup> Now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me or with my descendants or with my posterity, but as I have dealt kindly with you, so you will deal with me and with the land where you have sojourned." <sup>24</sup> And Abraham said, "I will swear."

<sup>25</sup> When Abraham reproved Abimelech about a well of water that Abimelech's servants had seized, <sup>26</sup> Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this thing; you did not tell me, and I have not heard of it until today." 27 So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two men made a covenant. <sup>28</sup> Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock apart. <sup>29</sup> And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What is the meaning of these seven ewe lambs that you have set apart?" 30 He said, "These seven ewe lambs you will take from my hand, that this may be a witness for me that I dug this well." <sup>31</sup> Therefore that place was called Beersheba, because there both of them swore an oath. 32 So they made a covenant at Beersheba. Then Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army rose up and returned to the land of the Philistines. 33 Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God. 34 And Abraham sojourned many days in the land of the Philistines.

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

# Lectura Bíblica (Spanish) - Génesis 21:22-34 (ESV) - Yolanda

- <sup>22</sup> Por ese mismo tiempo sucedió que Abimelec fue a hablar con Abrahán, y lo acompañó Ficol, jefe de su ejército. Le dijo:
- «Dios está contigo en todo lo que haces. <sup>23</sup> Así que júrame aquí mismo, por Dios, que no me tratarás mal a mí, ni a mi hijo ni a mi nieto, sino que me tratarás con la misma bondad con que te he tratado, y que harás lo mismo con la tierra en la que habitas.»
- <sup>24</sup> Y Abrahán respondió: «Lo juro.»
- <sup>25</sup> Pero Abrahán reconvino a Abimelec por un pozo de agua que los siervos de Abimelec le habían quitado. <sup>26</sup> Y Abimelec respondió: «No sé quién haya hecho esto, ni tú me lo hiciste saber, y tampoco yo lo supe hasta hoy.»
- <sup>27</sup> Abrahán tomó entonces ovejas y vacas, y se las dio a Abimelec, y los dos hicieron un pacto. <sup>28</sup> Del rebaño, Abrahán apartó siete corderas, <sup>29</sup> y Abimelec le preguntó a Abrahán: «Y estas siete corderas que has apartado, ¿qué significan?»
- <sup>30</sup> Y él respondió: «Significan que vas a recibir de mi mano estas siete corderas, para que sirvan de testimonio en mi favor de que yo cavé este pozo.»
- <sup>31</sup> Por eso a aquel lugar lo llamó Berseba; porque allí los dos hicieron un juramento. <sup>32</sup> Allí en Berseba hicieron un pacto. Luego se levantó Abimelec, y Ficol, el jefe de su ejército, y juntos volvieron a la tierra de los filisteos. <sup>33</sup> En Berseba Abrahán plantó un árbol tamarisco, y allí invocó el nombre del Señor, el Dios eterno. <sup>34</sup> Y Abrahán vivió mucho tiempo en la tierra de los filisteos.

One: La palabra del Señor

All: Gracias a Dios!

**Invitation** — At the table we have a meal that has sustained Christians over thousands of years, a tangible reminder of God's self-giving love.

This table is for all baptized Christians, come and eat!

If you're not a baptized Christian, we're honored that you're here :)

We invite you to come forward to receive a blessing (you can put your hands together like this), or remain in your seat if that's more comfortable.

But we do ask that you not partake in the elements to respect the sacredness of this meal for Christians. We now invite everyone to stand to confess or consider the Apostles Creed.

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