

**Invite all to worship God, grow in faith, follow Jesus by serving others**

**Prayer of Preparation** — God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think and do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Disciples Gather to Worship God**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

☛ **Welcome** ([hopeaustin.org/connect](http://hopeaustin.org/connect))

Rev. Josh Robinson

♩ **Prelude**

*Jesus Shall Reign*  
Glory Bells

DUKE STREET arr. Kevin McChesney

⬆️☛ **Call to Worship**

As the sun rises in the morning, **let all creation worship God.**

From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,

**let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord, for God alone is worthy to be praised.**

God alone makes all things new. **All praise, glory, and honor be yours, forever.**

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Sisters, brothers, siblings in the family of Christ, let us worship God!

⬆️♩ **Hymn of Praise**

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

James D. Hicks



1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re - mem - ber and move on,  
 2. For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might-y Spir - it, now as then,  
 3. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and share what love can do.

time to be-lieve what love is bring-ing, lay-ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
 can make for us a world of dif-f'rence, as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings; our God is mak - ing all things **new.**

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☛ **Response: Praise the Lord! The Lord's name be praised!**

- ⬆️ Indicates when we are to rise, as we are able.
- ☛ Indicates when someone is praying.
- 📖 Indicates when Scripture is read.
- ♩ Indicates when music is sung or heard.
- ☛ Indicates when someone is speaking.

- Bold text** is read or sung by the congregation.
- A personal sound system for the hearing impaired is available. Please ask an usher for a receiver.
- GTG—*Glory to God* purple hymnal
- STF—*Sing the Faith* blue hymnal

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## ✠Prayer of Confession

Patient God, sometimes we are just too busy for our own good. We pledge ourselves to hectic schedules, demands on time, energy, and resources that erode all too quickly. We seem to be rushing through life. The cries of those in need often go unheeded in our blur of activities which sap our energy, our resources, our spirits. Christ, have mercy on us.

*Silent Prayers of Personal Confession*

Christ, have mercy on us. Slow us down a bit, Lord. Remind us again that we are responsible for the care of this world, for reaching out and offering your healing love. Help us to hear the words of patient love that you have for us. Remind us again of Jesus' words to his disciples when he told them that they should love one another as he loved them. May we take time to bear witness to that love in all that we do. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

## ✠Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

↑♫ **Response 582** (GTG) *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Paul M. Vasile

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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## ↑♫Sharing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Disciples Listen to the Word of God

✠Children's Sermon Rev. Dr. John Leedy

↑♫ **Hymn 824** (GTG) *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest* NEAR TO THE HEART OF GOD

📖 **First Reading** John 13: 31-35 (NRSV) Bible p. 877 Jennifer Goocher

📖 **Scripture Reading** Revelation 21:1-6 (NRSV) Bible p. 1007

✠ **Sermon** *Living with the End in Mind: A God of New Beginnings* Rev. Josh Robinson

**Worship+2: GROW**

Resurrection is not just an event in the past, but an ongoing work of God. Where are you witnessing God's resurrection work in the world today?

## Disciples Respond to the Call of God

### ↑♫Affirmation of Faith

Selected portions from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

✝️ Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer ([hopeaustin.org/prayer](http://hopeaustin.org/prayer))

*The prayer leader concludes the prayer, saying:*

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.

Prayer @Home

We continue in prayer for newlyweds, long marriages, and divorced.

⬆️ 🎵 Response 469 (GTG)

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Ken Medema

Lord, listen to your children praying;  
Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying;  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

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🎵 Presentation of Tithes and Offerings ([hopeaustin.org/donate](http://hopeaustin.org/donate))

🎵 Offertory Anthem

*All Things New*  
Adult Choir

Craig Courtney

*Sorrow lingers in the garden, willows weeping wet with dew.  
But in the breeze a whispered promise: "I am making all things new."  
Let the gentle hand of morning brush your eyes that you may see  
Mercies new and never ceasing into all eternity. Alleluia!  
As it was in the beginning, in the end, so shall it be.  
Through the cross, a new creation: Christ has won the victory!  
Step by faith into the promise, bow the knee with voices raised,  
Singing "holy, holy, holy," in an endless song of praise. Alleluia!*

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⬆️ 🎵 Doxology 609 (GTG)

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts.  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

⬆️ 🎵 Prayer of Dedication

✝️ 🎵 Sabbatical Commissioning of Pastor Josh

Rev. Dr. John Leedy

⬆️ 🎵 Hymn 765 (GTG)

*May the God of Hope Go with Us*

CANTO DE ESPERANZA

## ☝ Charge & Benediction

Keeping the end in mind: with faith in the Risen Christ, go forth to proclaim new life.  
With the power of God's Holy Spirit, go forth to serve.  
With the love of God our Creator, go forth to love.  
As messengers of the gospel, go forth to share the good news.  
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

## ☝ Response

*Because He Lives*

Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither

Because he lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because he lives all fear is gone.  
Because I know he holds the future;  
And life is worth the living just because he lives.

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## ☝ Postlude

*Our Father, Who Art in Heaven*

J.S. Bach

## NEWS FOR THE PEWS

**Hope Supper Club** meets next **Saturday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the MPR**. Everyone is welcome to join us for a Potluck Supper. Please bring a dish to pass that will provide 12-15 servings. Drinks will be provided. If you have not already done so, please RSVP by email to Judy Fulmer at [jfulmer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jfulmer@sbcglobal.net) Come ready for a fun evening!



Please join Hope Prime Timers for the first Lunch Bunch gathering on **Wednesday, May 18** for a Dutch-treat lunch at Santa Catarina Restaurant, located at 500 Cypress Dr., Austin, at 11:30 am. Weather permitting, we will meet in the outdoor area. Contact Margaret Nakamura ([naknakrich@gmail.com](mailto:naknakrich@gmail.com)) for additional details or to sign up.



Join us for **HOPE FAMILY NIGHT at Dell Diamond on Friday, May 20, at 7:05 p.m.** Tickets are \$20. We will be cheering on our Round Rock *Express* vs the El Paso *Chihuahuas*. The ballgame will be followed by fireworks! Tickets are available in the narthex.



*Grief only exists  
where love first lived.*

Coping with the loss of someone or something you love is one of life's biggest challenges. Join us for this six week journey through grief. The **Grief Support Group** is beginning on June 1 and meeting on Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. in the MPR For more information contact the church office. Please make a reservation at [hopeaustin.org/registration](http://hopeaustin.org/registration)

## Members are the Ministers of Hope Church

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