



10:30

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME to all visitors and guests this morning. We are happy you are here to worship with us. If you want to know more about the Church of Reconciliation, you may email the church office at info@cor-satx.org to receive our weekly e-mail.

All are welcome at the table of the Lord for Holy Communion. If you would prefer to receive Communion at your seat instead of at the rail, please let an usher know. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Large-print bulletins are available at the church entrances.

About Today's Preacher

Today at 8:00 and 10:30, our preacher will be Kayla Carter, founder and CEO of For Her. For Her reaches out to women and youth in San Antonio who are most at risk of sexual exploitation and trafficking, including teen mothers, foster youth aging out of the system, women who fall below the poverty line, survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and formerly incarcerated women.

New Adult Formation Series: What Is The Bible? By Rob Bell

Sundays, 9:00am in Alban Classroom

We will begin a new Adult Formation series centered around Rob Bell's book, "What Is The Bible?" It provides insights and answers that make clear why the Bible is so revered and what makes it truly inspiring and essential to our lives.

- May 22 - Part 2 (Ch. 12-18)
May 29 - Part 2 (Ch. 19-24)
June 5 - Part 3 (Ch. 25-28)
June 12 - Part 4 (Ch. 29-33)
June 19 - Part 4 (Ch. 34-38)
June 26 - Part 4 (Ch. 39-43) -

July 3 - Final Discussion - "A Note on Growing & Changing" (pg. 319)

You do not need to read or purchase the book to take part in the discussion! All are welcome!

ABODE Spring Art Show & Sale

Please mark your calendars! ABODE's Annual Spring Art Show and Sale is set for Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15, featuring the work of E. Gordon West of the Watercolor Gang and other local favorite artists. What a wonderful opportunity to honor Gordon for all he has done for ABODE and for our community, including our church community!

- Brunch Show, 10 am-1 pm, Sunday, May 15
Along with originals and limited edition signed Gordon West prints, ABODE even has a few pieces from Brother Cletus for us! More details at abodehome.org/art. Catering by Frankie Boone with wines from Scout & Cellar.

Today's altar flowers are given by Jann Steed in thanksgiving and remembrance of Yvonne, a friend who became family.

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8:00am - Holy Eucharist (no music)
9:00am - Christian Education & Formation
9:00am - Chapel with Holy Communion, Labyrinth (Brown Hall in inclement weather)
9:30am-10:15am - Children, Youth & Family Formation
10:30am - Holy Eucharist (livestreamed, with music)
MIDWEEK SERVICE
12:30PM - Wednesdays

Rec's Very Best Summer Nights

Looking for something to do this summer? We are so super jazzed to share with you our newest summer offering: Rec's Very Best Summer Nights! We have "re-invented" our traditional Vacation Bible School, in order to create an intergenerational event, that offers something for everyone at Rec! For those who would like a home-cooked dinner, please join us!

For those who would like some time for personal study, please join us! For those who might enjoy some singing and dancing and a little bit of silliness, please join us! How about some summer service projects? Well, we've got that too! The exciting thing about Rec's Very Best Summer Nights is that you can join us for just the parts you want, or you can choose to stay for the whole night! Please make plans to join us this summer as we draw closer to God and closer to one another!

The cost is free, but registration is a must! Register here: <https://cor-satx.org/vbs-2022/>

Rec's Very Best Summer Nights will be offered Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights:

- June 7, 8, 9 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
July 5, 6, 7 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

In addition, on Friday, August 5 from 5:30-8:00 p.m., we will celebrate with our Back To School BBQ, Ice Cream Sundaes, Blessing of the Backpacks and a culmination of our Summer Service project! Mark your calendars now because you won't want to miss it!!

During the months of June and July, we will be collecting regular-sized cereal boxes for our Summer Service Project. They will be donated to our Rec Food Pantry beginning August 5. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Any questions, please chat with Jennifer Murphy at jennifer@cor-satx.org or 210-725-3080.

Please Join Us!!

Want to help pack backpacks for Interfaith Welcome Coalition? We would LOVE to have YOU join us!!

We are blessed to have 2 teams that serve with this amazing ministry:

Team #1 is led by Ron and Betty Graham and meets the **FIRST SUNDAY** of every month in the Alban Classroom, **after the 10:30 service.**

Team #2 is led by Jennifer Murphy and meets the **SECOND SUNDAY** of every month in the Alban Classroom, **after the 9:00 service.**

Even if you are not able to join us, both teams can always use **donations** of:

- Stuffed animals (from the Dollar Tree)
- Individual packages of peanut butter crackers
- Individual packages of gummies
- Granola Bars

Once backpacks are packed, they are then taken to the San Antonio Airport, where they will be handed out to families being released from detention centers.

Still have questions?? Please call, email or text: Ron and Betty Graham at ronnbetty@gmail.com or 210-998-9086 or Jennifer Murphy at jennifer@cor-satx.org or 210-725-3080.

About Today's Preacher

Today at 8:00 and 10:30, our preacher will be **Kayla Carter, founder and CEO of "For Her," a nonprofit organization.**

Kayla Carter, a San Antonio native, is bridging the divide between the sacred and the secular, addressing systemic inequities, and creating brave spaces for unconventional yet powerful connections in our community.

She is the founder and CEO of For Her, a women's advocacy organization advancing women towards autonomy through the power of shared knowledge, community, compassionate support, and practical resources. For Her, founded in 2012, was born from Kayla's own experiences, when her community rallied around her in her darkest hours and helped propel her on a path toward healing and success.

For the last ten years, her focused efforts have been on mobilizing outreach to those in the margins, training and equipping community stakeholders on inclusivity, and on-ramping women towards discovering their own journey towards fulfilling lives. Today, Kayla has become a sought-after voice for bridge-building and advocates for human rights.

Kayla is an ordained minister, serves as an Associate on the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women, a member of the Nonprofit Advocacy Committee, a member of the S.T.O.P. Task Force, and Alamo Area Coalition Against Trafficking.

THE PRELUDE

THE OPENING HYMN

I Come With Joy
Hymnal #304

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

Lector: A Reading from Acts.

Read by Roderick "Pat" Patterson

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.

As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 by Tom Lee

Refrain: Sing to the Lord a New Song!

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps'
Fire and hail, snow and fog; Tempestuous wind, doing his will. *Refrain*

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds. *Refrain*

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
Young men and maidens, old and young together. *Refrain*

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is salted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him, Halleluia! *Refrain*

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from Revelation.

Revelation 21:1-6
Read by Bill Miller

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bells. Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Bells. Congregation: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Kayla Carter
Founder and CEO, For Her

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH by Joan Chittister

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith together.

Minister & People:

**We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things and celebrates all things.**

**We believe Earth is a sanctuary,
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,
a home for us to share with all creatures,
and that every creature is a manifestation of God's love.**

**We believe that God became incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth,
who lived as one of us, healed, reconciled,
and called us friends.**

He suffered and died on a cross, the ultimate act of love.

We believe that the Risen Christ fills the whole of Creation.

We believe the Spirit breathes life into all that is.

We believe that with the Risen Christ we are rooted and grounded in Eternal Love.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Read by Jennifer Murphy

Intercessor: Almighty God, we see the beauty of your Creation all around us. Our Earth proclaims your wondrous works in the forests nestled in your majestic Rocky Mountains; in the salty waters and sandy shores of the Gulf Coast; and in the rolling hills of Live Oaks along river waters flowing through the Hill Country. These places of natural beauty remind us of the wonders of your Good Creation and for all of this, we give you thanks.

On this day, give us a fierce love for all your Creation.

Gracious God, you call us to nurture and protect our Mother Earth. Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, give us insight and the will to sacrifice.

Enliven us with new energy and awareness for all of your Creation.

Inspiring God, be with and work through our President, Joe, our governor, Greg, and our mayor, Ron, and all the leaders of this country and of all nations. Guide them, challenge them and spur them to act boldly and decisively for what is right and just.

Help us to support leaders who will act in the best interests of our Earth and all who dwell therein.

Faithful God, embolden our bishops, priests, vestry, and all ministers of the church. Help them to be effective and passionate leaders and teachers, counselors and companions to those whom they serve.

Strengthen us and all you have called to serve with integrity and fearless commitment.

Compassionate God, ease the burdens of all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit, whom we name either silently or aloud_____. Today especially, we pray for the people of Ukraine; and from our parish, we pray for: Jan, Kimberly, Kay, Ron, Nora, Reese, Benny, Garnet, Kes, Randy, Stella, Robert, Carolyn, Tiffany, Alfred, John, Patrice, Mark, Janet, Jean, Jim, Bob, Stephanie, Merry, and Anna;

May we ease suffering where we can and may we strive to live in harmony with all who make this earthly pilgrimage with us.

God of Resurrection and Lover of souls, welcome those who have died, and comfort those who grieve. We also grieve for species who suffer extinction. May all who have died rest in your eternal love.

Everything that lives and breathes has its being in you, our Creator God. Help us to live into your promise of Resurrection. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All:

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ.

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(The people exchange greetings)

THE GATHERING HYMN

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet

Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

BIRTHDAYS

Terry Arata-Maiers 5/17
Keira George 5/17
Luis Navarro, Sr. 5/20
Peter Maddox 5/21

*If you would like your birthday, anniversary, or other milestone mentioned here,
please email info@cor-satx.org.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

You are the Song by Craig Courtney

Now a breath, and then a breeze. Empty skies, the wings of peace.
Not a spark and then a blaze, not a word, then songs of praise.
You are the wind, you are the fire. You are the wings of peace,
you are my soul's desire. You are the Spirit three in one.
You are the words, you are the song.
In the wind, your song's refrain. In the fire, your dancing flame.
In the wings your rhythm flows to me heart when your song grows.
You are the wind, you are the fire. You are the wings of peace,
you are my soul's desire. You are the Spirit three in one.
You are the words, you are the dance, you are the song.

THE DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (sung)

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pulkingham

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be Your
 Name. Your king-dom come, Your will be done, on
 earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly
 bread, and for-give us our sins, as we for-give those who sin a-
 gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-li-ver us from
 e-vil, for the king-dom the po-wer and the glo-ry are
 Yours, now and for-e-ver. A-men. A-men

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

The people respond: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION

Celebrant: God's holy gifts for God's holy people. Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love, come when you are doubtful to be made strong in faith. Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole in Christ. Come to Christ's table, there is room for all.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table of the Lord for Holy Communion.

THE GREETING AT THE RAIL

*At the Communion rail, it is our custom to greet one another at the rail.
Before taking Communion, please turn to your neighbor and offer this greeting:*

Greeting: Christ is risen.

Response: He is risen indeed.

COMMUNION MUSIC

**God is Love
Hymnal #577**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN

**Soon and Very Soon
With Once Voice #744**

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest dismisses the people saying:

Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

The People Respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Elementary Ministry: “Fun In Our Faith”

“He will fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouting!” (Job 8:21)

Ages: 4 years old through 4th Grade

Elementary Sunday School: Join us on our next adventure with Story Makers: The Flood from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Children’s Building.

Rec Middle School Ministry: “Faith Over Fear”

“Do not be afraid! Do not be discouraged!” (Deuteronomy 31:8)

Ages: 5th Grade thru 8th Grade

MS Sunday School: The Middle School Youth and parents will be discussing the Gospel Reading, alongside a devotional from the Book of Common Prayer, in the Rec Room, every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:15.

MS Youth Group: Wednesday Evenings from 6:30-8:00p.m. Please chat with Jennifer for the details!

Rec High School Ministry: “Carried By The Lord”

“Where you saw how the Lord your God carried you...” (Deuteronomy 1:31)

Ages: 9th Grade through 12th Grade

HS Sunday School: The High School Youth and parents will be discussing the Gospel Reading, alongside a devotional from the Book of Common Prayer, in the Rec Room, every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:15.

HS Youth Group: Wednesday Evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please chat with Jennifer for the details!

Please call/text or email Jennifer Murphy at 210-725-3080 or jennifer@cor-satx.org for more information.

Summer Camp

Calling ALL Children, Youth and Families! Registration is already open for Camp Capers, Mustang Island and Duncan Park summer camps!! Details and schedules can be found at www.dwtx.org. **Scholarships** are available for those in need. Please see Jennifer Murphy if you are interested, or if you have any questions! We want all children, youth and families who want to go to camp, to be able to go to camp! **And if you can let Jennifer know when your child/youth are registered, that would be awesome! She would love to send them a little care package!**

**Serving and Ministering Today
May 15, 2022**

8:00

Verger: Ron Graham

Usher: Roxie Montesano

Intincter: Rusty Wilson

Lector: Jim Simpson

Acolyte: Erica Valle

Prayers of the People: Jim Simpson

Altar Guild: Team I (Margaret Lewis Team)

10:30

Verger: Ron Graham

Lectors: Pat Patterson, Jennifer Murphy

Prayers of the People: Bill Miller

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Sam Gilliam, Joan West

Intincters: Phyllis Kline, Kathryn Cox

Acolytes: Erica Valle, Jamie Bentley, Ruben Seitz, Michael Seitz

Altar Guild: Team I (Margaret Lewis Team)

Ushers: Eddie Cox (lead), Cris Lopez

Greeters: Timothy Webber (lead), Benjamin PowerGriffin

**Second Sunday Service Day
for Children, Youth and Families**

Please make plans to join us on the second Sunday of every month, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Chapel service for **Second Sunday Service Day!** This time will be set aside for ALL of our Children, Youth and Families (and anyone else who would like to join us) to serve our San Antonio community, right here in our very own **Alban Classroom (please take note of the location change.)**

Service projects will vary, but we will finish in time for the 10:30 service. (This time of service will take the place of Family Faith Formation for the week.) Additional service opportunities will continue to be offered throughout the school year for our Middle School and High School Youth. Any questions?!? Please call/text or email Jennifer Murphy.

Upcoming Second Sunday Service Days:

June 12, July 10, August 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9

Use this QR code to make a donation to Rec via PayPal.



