



**Speedway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
**Sunday, May 2, 2021**  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



**Words of Preparation**

(To be read in silent reflection)

“Never place a period where God has placed a comma.”  
~ Gracie Allen, comedian



**Announcements**



**Tower Bell**



**Prelude**

Evan Cogswell, organ  
*We Gather Together*

## Call to Worship

(in unison)

**Day by day, God leads us: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace. Day by day, Jesus calls us: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope. Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us: the community we could be, the family we are called to become.**



## Passing of the Peace

(Stand, turn around, wave)



## Opening Prayer

(in unison)

**Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



## Scripture Reading

### Acts 4:5-22

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. They said, "What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard." After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened. For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more than forty years old.



## **Children's Moment**

Rev. Katie Griffin



## **Anthem**

*Hymn of Promise*

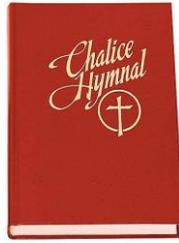
by Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir

## **Sermon**

*The Stone the Builders Rejected*

Rev. Katie Griffin



**Hymn of Response**  
*Jesu, Jesu*

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Invitation to Stewardship**

**Offertory Prayer**



**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Prayer**

## **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.**

## **Words of Institution**

## **Partaking of the Bread and Cup**

## **Prayer after Communion**

## **Blessing and Commissioning**

## **Closing Music**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

## **WELCOME!**

You are especially welcome to Speedway Christian Church! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. As a church family we have committed ourselves, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to serve the Lord with our hearts, minds and souls. We believe that God has called each one of us to join with each other in new and growing relationships with God's son, Jesus Christ. If you are looking for a church home, you will find a warm welcome here.