

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“The Peace” from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*
Samuel Libra, organ

G. F. Handel

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

*HYMN 401

Here in This Place
Hymn can be found on page 6
Stanzas 1 and 3

GATHER US IN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Jordan Akin

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us for neglecting to draw deeply on the sap of Life, for our tendency to wander instead of growing on the framework you provide, for being content, and sometimes even proud of, a few sparse or undersized fruits, for the apathy which lets us to go through some seasons without bearing any fruit.

(Time for silent prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

A E Bm E A D E A

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Samuel Asiedu

FIRST READING

1 John 4:7-21

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Craig Wagner, *guitar*

SECOND READING

John 15:1-8

SERMON

“One Good Place”

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.

You are holy ... that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God ... now and forever.

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Christ Before Us

arr. Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ to guide us all our days.
He to carry all our sorrows, he to bear us perfect grace.
Jesus, Savior, friend and brother, intercessor, Son of God,
Save your people in your dying, and in rising, conquer death.

May we be for one another all that you would have us be.
May we live your law of kindness, love, compassion, charity.
May we climb your holy mountain; may we see your holy face!
Visit now this humble dwelling; dwell within this holy place.

God before us through the ages; Christ beside us here today.
Spirit lead us forth forever; guide and help us all our days.
Christ the Savior, God the Living, Great Creator, Spirit blest!
Holy Three-in-One Immortal, come and be our welcome guest.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please see the information about ways to give on the inside of the front cover of the bulletin. There are also baskets at the exits when you leave.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Fruit of the Vine

Mark Patterson

(Refrain) Christ is the vine and we are the branches; through him we can do anything.
Christ is the strength, the source and the blessing; when we serve him we behold the fruit of the vine.
Just as the Lord has loved us so let us love one another.
For this is God's command that our joy may be full. *(Refrain)*

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, you heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE SENDING

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me
Stanzas 1, 4, and 5
Hymn can be found on page 7

KELVINGROVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The Rejoicing” from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

G. F. Handel

IN WORSHIP TODAY

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Bartow Willingham by his family.

USHERS: Erie Dreher, Valerie Dreher, Connie Smith, Henry Kelsey, Kit Davis

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION: The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Craig Wagner, guitar; Cathy Wilde, Irish flute/Aeolian pipes; Samuel Libra, organ and piano

Evan Vicic, Audio/Video Engineer; Kurt Dierking, camera; Virginia Fortner, Visuals Editor

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

The family of Martha Dupps on her death, 4/14/2021.

Madge and Jeff Roberts on the death of her husband/father, Gorman Roberts, 4/11/2021.

Cheryl Cooper on the death of her daughter, Courtney Cooper, 4/3/2021.

Elizabeth Haynes and her family on the death of her brother, the Rev. Lewis Marshall Johnson, 3/21/2021.

The family of Kent Taylor on his death, 3/18/2021.

Karla Renaud and her family on the death of her husband, Ray Renaud, 3/17/2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of May 2, 2021

We now meet outside for our **9 a.m. Service** in the Chapel circle area. No reservations are needed for this service. If inclement weather will keep us from being outside, we will move into the Great Hall, and you will simply register your attendance upon entering Door 6. Please do bring your own lawn chair. **Childcare is available** by registering ahead and our 11 a.m. In-person and Livestreamed Sanctuary service requires reservations as well - the link will come to you Monday or via the website.

May's Sunday School will be based on the Disney/Pixar movie, “Brave”. “Brave” tells the story of Princess Merida, a red-haired Scottish tomboy, and how she has the courage to go against tradition to choose a life of her own. This story speaks to the value of courage, communication, and family; three things that are important in life as well as faith. Craft bags will be available in their usual spot underneath the portico beginning Sunday, May 9th. Videos will be sent out each Sunday through the Children's newsletter, 2PK, and will be on the church's website the following week under the resource tab.

The May Mission of the Month is Habitat For Humanity - During the month of May, we will be collecting tools and equipment needed for Habitat. A full list of items needed can be found in Seconds to Go each week or in the May Second Thoughts Monthly Newsletter. Please drop off supplies under the portico (use any type of bag or box) any time Sunday or during office hours throughout the week.

West End School - There are 10 graduating 8th graders in need of graphing TI-84 calculators and other supplies to help them succeed as they head into high school. The calculators are \$100 each. The Second Pres WES Committee asks you to prayerfully consider helping to purchase calculators and related supplies during the month of May to assist our mission partner in this effort. To give, please visit the church website, under giving there is a tab to give specifically to the WES project.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor

Rev. Nathan Sautter, Associate Pastor for
Community Life

Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth

Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and Music
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Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries

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Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant

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Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs
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Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper

Virginia Fortner, Worship and Music Assistant

Rev. Samuel Oboamah Asiedu, Seminary Intern

Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.