

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

5th Sunday in Easter • May 10, 2020

PRELUDE *Together We Serve* Daniel Charles Damon
Lynn Auman, violin; Chad Hammer, cello

INTROIT *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

CALL TO WORSHIP Laura Thompson, Ed & Mary Grace Carter

*(All speak parts **boldfaced**)*

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We are witnesses: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Risen Christ meets us again and again; opening our eyes and expanding our minds. Let us worship God.

HYMN #401 *Here in This Place* GATHER US IN
Whitsitt Family Band

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreaming brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Loving God, in a doubting world, keep us alive in our faith that Jesus is our Messiah, Your son, and our Messiah.

That we may have life in his name.

Encouraging God, in a world that is bound up by fear, fill us again with your Spirit of love.

For courage comes from the heart.

We bear witness to our faith, knowing that we are called to live lives of courage, love and reconciliation in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of each day. We bear witness, too, to our failures, and our complicity in the fractures of our world.

May we be courageous today. May we learn today. May we love today.

In the name of the one who forgives, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen

And in the name of the one who was and is courage, grace and mercy made flesh: we are forgiven.

Today and always. Alleluia! Amen.

Adapted from Prayers by Padraig O Tuama and B David Hostetter

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Gail Thomas, soprano; Wayne Tillman, tenor

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

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GOSPEL READING

John 17:1-11

SERMON

“Bound Up Together”

Rev. Laura Viau

SPC 2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Powell Elizabeth Braddock & Kate Carson

Erskine Blount, presenter

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Creator and Sustainer of all that lives; the One in whose image all are made; the One who kept covenant with Sarah and Abraham and never forgot Hagar, who answered Hannah’s deepest prayer, and gave songs to Miriam, Deborah and Mary; the One who loves, hears and sings over us still today.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Redeemer and Savior of all who believe; the One who loved Martha and Mary; the One who fed the crowds, who healed the woman who bled, and raised Jairus' daughter and Lazarus; the One whose love, life, death and resurrection re-creates us still today.

We believe in the Spirit, Comforter and Interpreter for all who cry out; the One who came in fire and wind; the One who gave courage to Esther, who caused David to dance, and made John leap in Elizabeth's womb; the One who breathes life into the Word and us still today.

We believe that the Body of Christ is made up of hands large and small, hearts old and young, legs strong and weak, and feet made beautiful as they carry the Good News to the nations. We join those who have gone before and those in the generations to follow in praise of the triune God who was and is and is to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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ignite in us a passionate desire for unity.

We wish to be one, so that the world may believe.

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unite people with Christ and in the power of the Spirit;

That your people would be a model of prayer and action;

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

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we draw closer to each other.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free,

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for all are one in Christ Jesus.

in Him all nations shall be blessed.

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Jacob in the Kingdom of heaven

The nations will walk by in the light of the Lamb.

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koinonia (community), which God wills.

We give thanks and praise, O God.

***The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.***

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courage to make it through one more day.
We lift our prayers, O God.

.....
and work for the least and the lost.
We lift our prayers, O God.

(Silence for concerns of the heart)

***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.***

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The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.***

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BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

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MRURAHINI, HALELUYA

POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

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Robin Fort, Director of Music; **Randy Warner**, Organist/Pianist;

Joyce Winkler, Qualified Ruling Elder; **Stephanie Reeves**, Church Secretary;

Linda Rowell, Church Treasurer; **Crystal Braxton**, Nursery;

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