



Service of the Lord's Day
Sunday, April 18, 2021

God's People Gather

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord!"

(Psalm 122:1)

With glad hearts, we welcome you to worship among this community of believers! The decorated tubes in the pews are guides to assist us in caring for one another by maintaining safe distances. You may move the tubes in either direction in the pew to accommodate your "household." We invite you to hum the hymns or meditate on the words as the Sanctuary Singers sing on our behalf.

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation

By your Holy Spirit, O God, give us hearts to love you, minds to know you, souls to bless you, and strength to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prelude "Alleluia' with "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" arr. Hayes

***Gathering Words**

Alina and Klara Orzechowski

L: Believing that God made and loves the world,

P: We gather.

L: Confident that Jesus has brought God's kingdom near,

P: We pray.

L: Grateful that we are called to be part of Jesus' Kingdom Movement,

P: We rejoice.

L: Seeking a wisdom deeper than our own thinking,

P: We listen.

L: Honoring the One who gives us the vision and hope of a new age,

P: We worship and lift our hearts in praise.

***Hymn Christ Be Our Light** (verses 1 and 2)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church, gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. *(Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession

Klara Orzechowski

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(silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

L: The Risen One says, "Blessed are you; rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!"

*Response of Praise

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.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

God's Word is Heard

Time With Children

Jaylee Ferreri

Scripture Reading

Delaney Bradley

Meditations

Joy Hofmann, Ben Drago

Anthem **Blest Are They** (verses 1-3)

Becca Lipsky

Scripture Reading

Gabe Roseo

Meditations

Natalia Bradley, Becca Lipsky

God's People Respond

*Affirmation of Faith

Joy Hofmann and Delaney Bradley

Let us confirm our faith: **We believe in God who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky, who calls us to live responsibly. We believe in Jesus Christ who became human, who healed the sick, who talked to children, who made friends with sinners. He burned brightly and offended many. His journey was one of life and death and resurrection. His light continues to shine in the darkness. We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspired scriptures, and whose breath we breathe. We believe that God call us to be a community, committed to one another, offering a welcome to everyone, old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak. We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice, brother and sisters, a light for our world. Amen.**

(written by two fourteen-year-old boys in a workshop on Iona)

*Giving of our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

Alina Orzechowski

Doxology

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.

Prayers of the People

Alina Orzechowski

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

God Sends Us Out

***Hymn Blest Are They** (verses 4 and 5)

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. (*Refrain*)

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me. Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. (*Refrain*)

***Blessing**

***Postlude Trumpeting in B Flat Major”** -- Melby

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

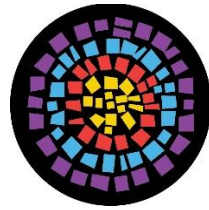
Please leave the sanctuary by the side aisles and both doors; the deacons will guide you.

Our sanctuary singers and musicians this morning are Jane Barndt, Gayle Hall, Sarah Pinard and Rob Wade. Thank you!

Thank you to the participants in the service this morning: Delaney Bradley, Natalia Bradley, Ben Drago, Joy Hofmann, Becca Lipsky, Alina Orzechowski, Klara Orzechowski, and Gabe Roseo

Calendar of Events for this week:

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| Today | 9:30AM | Worship/Seekers |
| Monday | 7PM | Cub Scouts |
| Tuesday | 9AM | Virtual Yoga |
| | 10AM | Staff meeting (Community Room) |
| | 7:30PM | Lectio-Divina via Zoom |
| Wednesday | 8:30AM | Endowment Meeting via Zoom |
| | 9AM | Virtual Yoga |
| | 4PM | Musicless Rec |
| | 7:30PM | Session to meet with first time Elders & Deacons (Fellowship Hall) |
| Thursday | 9:30AM | Sisters of the Way Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 5PM | Community Meals (lower parking lot) |
| | 5:30PM | Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 6:15PM | Treble Handbells Rehearsal |
| | 6:45PM | Chancel Handbells Rehearsal |
| Friday | 9AM | Virtual Yoga |
| Sunday | 9:30AM | Worship/Installation & Ordination of Elders & Deacons |



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