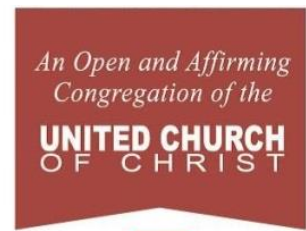


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ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dedication Sunday

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

I Call to You, Jesus

J.S.Bach

Dr. David Neiweem, Organ

*"I call to you, Jesus, hear my lamentation; bestow your grace on me at this time and do not let me despair;
To keep your word is to live for you and to be useful to my neighbor."*

LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

WORDS OF WELCOME

Making Sacred, by Stephen M. Schick, adapted

Susan Ellwood

INTROIT

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Karan Dewar and Jennifer Coleman, handbells

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Magnus and Scarlett Grace

Adapted/Green Faith/1990

* OPENING HYMN

God, Whose Giving

AUSTRIAN HYMN

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise:
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, honoring you by loving all.

Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way;
From the night of anxious keeping, loose us into generous day.
Then when years on earth are over, and we've lived our human span,
God, fulfill beyond our dreaming, all our stewardship began.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING THE PEACE

*During this time we are going to focus on taking a moment to recognize what peace there is in our lives,
and how we can pass that to others, especially in a time of isolation.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

God to Enfold You

John L. Bell

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

THE WORD

Mark 10:17-22

Helen Worden

WORD OF GOD FOR ALL AGES

Hilah Clarke

SPECIAL MUSIC

Graced with Garments of Great Gladness
Tess Barker and Ana Ruesink

SERMON

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

We Would Be One

FINLANDIA

We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.

We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
which binds our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

STEWARDSHIP WITNESSES

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Fantasy

by Robert Powell

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* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER AND 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.

THE GIFT OF THE MEAL

* HYMN OF HOLY COMMUNION *Take My Gifts*

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply.

Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
spiced with humor, laced with laughter - flavor of the Jesus life,

tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF BLESSING

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

* SUNG PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Take My Gifts, V.3*

Take whatever I can offer - gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

BIDDING TO MISSION AND SENDING FORTH

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

Jeremiah Rankin

* *Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.*