



MAY 2, 2021
4TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Fantasy
Dr. David Neiweem, organ

Robert Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP *by Revs. Hunt and Vosper, Adapted*

The Newman & O'Shea Family

One: Through this gathering celebration
we leave for a time the daily sequence of events,
to examine life in its eternal dimensions
and consequences:

**All: asking questions about our values
our directions
our goals, and
our relationships.**

Let us spend this time in the presence
of the Sacred One - God

All: And the sacred one-ness that is created in our gathering.

Let us pray:

Holy God, we know that each morning brings a newness that we need but step into.

It can wash us,

lift us,

heal us, or

hold us

if only we are open to it.

So help us be open to it.

To your presence, and the faith and courage that lie dormant within us.

May we move from the routines that we follow

to the fullness of life in you. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Rev. Elissa Johnk

*OPENING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

NCH 4

TIME OF UNBURDENING

Hannah Sachs

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE WORD

GOSPEL READING

Acts 8:26-40

Patty Thomas

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Elijah Michael Wilson and Harper Diane Wilson

Welcome

One: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

Many: **There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God’s call to us all.**

One: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant, and said to them,

Many: **“Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God.”**

All: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

Questions of the Parents

Question of the Congregation

Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support and care to Elijah and Harper as they live and grow in Christ?

Unison: **We, as the church, promise our love, support and care**

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

Prayer of Blessing

SPECIAL MUSIC

Line Thine Eyes
Ana Ruesink, Emma Barker, and Ruby Platt

Felix Mendelssohn

MEDITATION

Rev. Elissa Johnk

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Many Are the Light-beams

NCH 163 vv1,3,5

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

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.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

***PARTING HYMN** *Shall We Gather at the River* NCH 597 vv1,3

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

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