

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 15, 2018

9:45 A.M.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G

J. S. Bach

WELCOME *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew.)*

CHORAL INTROIT

Come, Let Us Sing

Scott

*Come, let us sing! And make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise to God.
Come, let us sing!*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come and see the love God has given to us.

People: Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Leader: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

People: With joy, we come to see the Lord.

Leader: We come to sing, pray, and rejoice!

People: Let us praise and worship the LORD!

HYMN #248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

(please stand if able)

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, You come to us, but we do not always recognize You. Often when You call, we do not follow. You command, but we do not obey; You accept us, but we do not accept others. In Your great mercy, forgive us. Increase our understanding, and open our minds and hearts to receive You, Lord. Speak Your word of peace to us, and let Your love shine on any dark areas in our lives. Pardon our sins; free us from guilt; and heal our brokenness, that we might belong anew to Christ this day.....(*time for us to offer silent prayers of confession.*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

GLORIA PATRI

(please stand if able)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

(please stand if able)

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.

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – *“The Peace of Christ”*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

HYMN *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** is administered this morning at the 9:45 a.m. worship service to William Michael Povelones, son of Michael and Megan Povelones and to Elijah Harrison Simpson, son of Catherine and Matthew Simpson; and at the 11:10 a.m. worship service to Chase Steven Brophy, son of Justin and Leah Brophy.

PASTORAL 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.

OFFERTORY *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus* Forrest

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure, through a world that would deceive us, where to sin our hearts are lured. Ever in His footsteps treading, living here, yet home above, full of faith and hope and love. Let us do our Father's bidding, faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

Let us also die with Jesus, by His cross He conquered death. Freed us from our souls' destruction, quickened us with life's new breath. Let us mortify, while living, self and pride, and die to sin, and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here I die to Thee, there to dwell eternally.

Let us gladly live with Jesus, He is risen from the dead. Death is swallowed up in victory, Jesus, Thou art now our Head. Living members of Thy Body, where Thou livest, we shall be, Thou wilt keep us constantly, even so, dear Lord, come quickly, Jesus, here, I live to thee, there to dwell eternally.

Let us ever walk with Jesus.

DOXOLOGY *(please stand if able)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from PCUSA Mission Yearbook)*

Almighty God, You have given us so much, including Your own Son. Be our guide. Inspire us to build unity and trust among Your people. Teach us to live as You would have us live. Use these gifts we offer today to care for all. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24: 36-48 (Page 861)

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh

and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Credible Witnesses”

Ann Hatfield

HYMN #716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

(please stand if able)

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.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

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, serving you by loving all.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

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