



May 5, 2024
 The Sixth Sunday of Easter
 The Reverend Jenny Anderson

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, standing*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Communion:

All of God's children are welcome to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

After the gathering, a bell will ring to signal the beginning of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a New Song (excerpt)

Heinrich Schutz

* HYMN

617 I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

**1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,
 forgiven, loved and free,
 in awe and wonder to recall
 his life laid down for me,
 his life laid down for me.**

**2 I come with Christians far and near
 to find, as all are fed,
 the new community of love
 in Christ's communion bread,
 in Christ's communion bread.**

**3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
 each proud division ends.
 The love that made us makes us one,
 and strangers now are friends,
 and strangers now are friends.**

**4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
 His presence, always near,**

is in such friendship better known;
 we see and praise him here,
 we see and praise him here.

5 Together met, together bound,
 we'll go our different ways,
 and as his people in the world,
 we'll live and speak his praise,
 we'll live and speak his praise.

* GREETING

Make a joyful noise, all the earth!
Break forth in joyous song to the God of victory!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
 The world and those who dwell in it.
**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
 we make a joyful noise as we worship God.**

* OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God,
 make our hearts bold with love for one another.
 Pour out your Spirit upon all people,
 that we may live your justice
 and sing in praise
 the new song of your marvelous victory. **Amen.**

* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory be to the Father
**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.**

Meineke

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord,
 and fill us full of light;
 open wide the door of our hearts,
 that we may receive and entertain thee
 with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1 John 5:1-6

New Testament p. 293

PSALM

Psalm 98

response 1

UMH p. 818

***Sung Response: Sing a new song to the Lord,
who restores the ends of the earth.***

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things!
God's right hand and holy arm
have gotten the victory.

**The Lord has declared victory,
and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

Sung Response

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth in to joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with lyre and the sound of melody!

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the Ruler, the Lord!**

Sung Response

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell in it!

**Let the floods clap their hands;
Let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,
who comes to judge the earth.**

**The Lord will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

Sung Response

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

* GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17

New Testament p. 134

SERMON

Receive One Another

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH p. 880

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from True God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

INVITATION

UMH p. 12

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Leader to people) Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(People to leader) **In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.**

(Leader and People) **Glory to God. Amen.**

* THE PEACE

OFFERING

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever;
Even the spirit of truth.

- John 14:15-17

* DOXOLOGY

94 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Laast Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
 always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
 Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so,
 with your people on earth
 and all the company of heaven
 we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might
 heaven and earth are full of your glory**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ
 By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
 and made with us a new covenant
 by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
 he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
 gave it to his disciples, and said:
 “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
 gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 “Drink from this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant,
 poured out for you and for many
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it,
 in remembrance of me.”

And so,
 in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered us here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father
now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All are invited to receive the bread and cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

The Summons

Kelvingrove

The Summons

2130



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ___ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ___ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ___ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ___ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ___ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ___ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ___ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, ___ will you let my name be known, ___ will you
 stare ___ should your life at - tract or scare? ___ Will you
 clean, ___ and do such as this un - seen, ___ and ad -
 found ___ to re - shape the world a - round, ___ through my
 go ___ where your love and foot - steps show. ___ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ___
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ___
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ___
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ___
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ___

WORDS: John Bell
 MUSIC: Traditional Scottish

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* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

GF Handel

Ministry of Worship

Preacher	Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist	Sandy Hobbs
Lay Reader	Alison Wright
Greeters	Joan Piercy, Becky Rogers
Usher	Charles Piercy, Warren Spooner
Acolyte	Alexandra Anderson
Crucifer	Rowyn Scritchfield
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Choir	The St. John Choir
Pianist	Larry Millen
Worship Technician	Donald Tilton
Offering Counter	Nesbit Dasher

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2024 Budget	\$556,899
Weekly Giving	\$3,000
YTD Giving	\$117,917
YTD Other Income	\$534
YTD Expenses	\$179,765
Attendance 4/28	Sanctuary: 89 Online: 59

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