

4th Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

10:00 A.M.



(You are invited to a time of quiet preparation for worship during the Prelude.)

Prelude Ave Maria Franz Schubert

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

This is the day the Lord has made... Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Musical Introit Beautiful Savior (arr. Ray Cornils) Chimes Choir

Call to Worship

One: We gather once more as a worshipping community. From various peoples and places, we've come.

All: Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power be to God.

One: We gather once more to shout "Alleluia!" Salvation belongs to the Holy One.

All: We receive God's blessing with joy, praise, and thanksgiving. Honor and power be to God.

One: We gather to offer worship to the one who guides us to the springs of life.

All: We receive God's wisdom with hope, faith, and awe. Honor and power be to God. Amen!

*Gathering Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 7

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Holy God, our shepherd, restorer of our souls. We enter into this moment of worshipful gathering trusting that you will guide us. Wherever we are, however we are, let us know your comforting presence. May we share in your generous goodness as we worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Choral Anthem Come, Come Unto Me Ken Dosso

Scripture Acts 9:36-43 page 98

Morning Message "Tabitha" Rev. Dr. Amy Lignitz Harken

*Hymn *In The Bulb There Is A Flower* No. 493

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music

Simple Gifts (Shaker Hymn)

Chimes Choir

*Doxology

No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that Love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

***Blessing for the Offering:**

Merciful God, we believe in carrying forth the mission of loving and caring for community. We dedicate these gifts that they serve the cause of justice in the world. May all the works of our hands and feet be a blessing to all in need.

*Closing Hymn

God Be With You Til We Meet Again

No. 345

*Benediction

Sung Benediction

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C-major

David Lasky



**All who are able may stand.*

Those serving you today:

Bell Ringer: *Brad Adler*

Reader: *Brad Adler*

Coffee Hour: *Nominating Committee*

Interim Minister: *Rev. Dr. Amy Lignitz Harken*

Organist: *Joel Pierce*

Office Administrator: *Angela Richards*

Sexton: *Mary McKinney*

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Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, May 8th: Sunday School

Sunday, May 8th: Bible Study via Zoom at 4 pm

Monday May 9th: Game night, 6-8:30 pm

Wednesday, May 11th: Organ Society Meeting, 9:30 am, 2nd part of discussion on End of Life, with Oscar Wallace

Wednesday, May 11th: Feed our Scholars -packing boxes, 10:30 am

Sunday, May 15th: Worship 10am

Sunday May 15th: Bible Study via Zoom at 4 pm

Sunday May 15th: St. Philip's Open House 2-4pm

Sunday May 15th: Habitat for Humanity Walk Check-in:1-2pm Walk:2pm

For more information contact: Cindy Clement 301-788-1838

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Please sign up to usher, read scripture, or provide flowers for our worship. You can sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48aea82aa3f8ce9-church> or by calling the church office at 207-882-7544. Please sign up by 9am on Thursday.

Current In-Person Worship Protocol: Masks are optional, no longer required.



Acts 9:36-43

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.

41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.



Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4. Mor-tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing, to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 God's own love is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing peo - ple hand in hand.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way,
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Source of grace and fount of bless - ing, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife,

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1864
 Henry van Dyke was ordained a Congregational minister, but his varied life included teaching and writing at Princeton and a critical 1913-1916 ambassadorship to Luxembourg and The Netherlands.

HYMN TO JOY
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PRAISE TO GOD

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In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is 'be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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Sleeth was a well-known author/composer of numerous anthems for children and adults.
 This hymn was dedicated to her husband, Methodist minister Ronald Sleeth.

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345 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1- 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain;

lov - ing coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's
un - der wings, pro - tect - ing, hide you, dai - ly man - na
when life's per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing

care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet, till we meet,

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Till we meet, till we meet,

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880, alt.
MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880
Rankin was pastor of First Congregational Church in Washington DC when he wrote this Christian farewell.

GOD BE WITH YOU
98.89 w. refrain

GOING FORTH