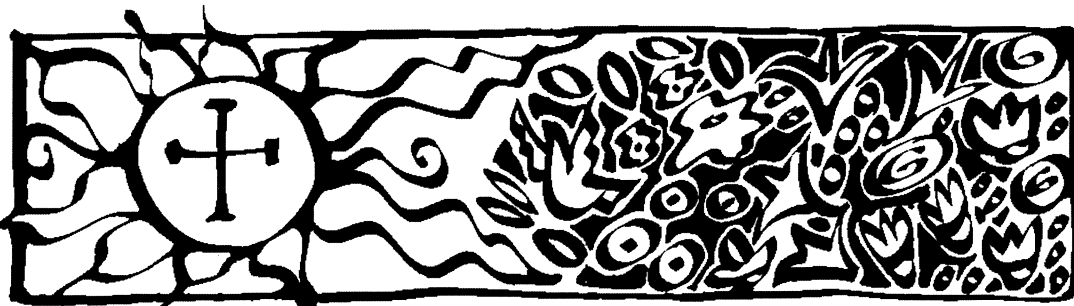




Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

June 1, 2025 3:00 p.m.

Seventh
Sunday of
Easter



PRELUDE

Festive Intrada
Meditation in D Major

M. Burkhardt
P. Fey

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CHORAL INTROIT

Jesus, We Are Here

P. Matsikenyiri

CALL TO WORSHIP


*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#465 Here in This Place New Light is Streaming


GATHER US IN




1 Here in this place new light is stream-ing; now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young—our lives are a mys - tery; we are the old— who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,




van - ished a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through - out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way, but here in this place the new light is shin - ing;




brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, now is the day.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en; gath - er us in— the
 Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty; gath - er us in— the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion; give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***INVOCATION 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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Exalted Christ,
You promised to send your Spirit
who would bring us into the same unity
that you have with the Father.
But we have quenched and disobeyed Spirit's voice.
We look with suspicion and derision
upon those who think differently from us.
We have sown seeds of division
that have fractured and discredited our witness.

Forgive our pettiness and lack of love.
Soften our hearts and make us agents
of the new creation you are inaugurating.
Come, Lord Jesus!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

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.

ANTHEM

Spirit of God, Descend

arr. J. Helgen

FIRST READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17 & 20-21

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

*HYMN OF ASPIRATION

Draw the Circle Wide

BROWNING

Refrain Eb Ab Bb Eb Ab Bb



Draw the cir - cle wide. Draw it wid - er still.

Let this be our song, no one stands a - lone, stand - ing side by

side, draw the cir - cle wide.

Last time Ab Bb

1 God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre - a - tion turns;
2 Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass great and small;
3 Let the dreams we dream be lar - ger, than we've ev - er dreamed be - fore;

Cm Fm7 Bb Gm Cm Fm Ab/Bb Bb *To refrain* Bb7



no - thing lost, but held for - ev - er, in God's gra - cious arms.
let our lov - ing know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call.
let the dream of Christ be in us, o - pen ev - ery door.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SECOND READING

John 17:20-26

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Susan Oliver

(Silence for personal reflection)

*HYMN OF APPROACH

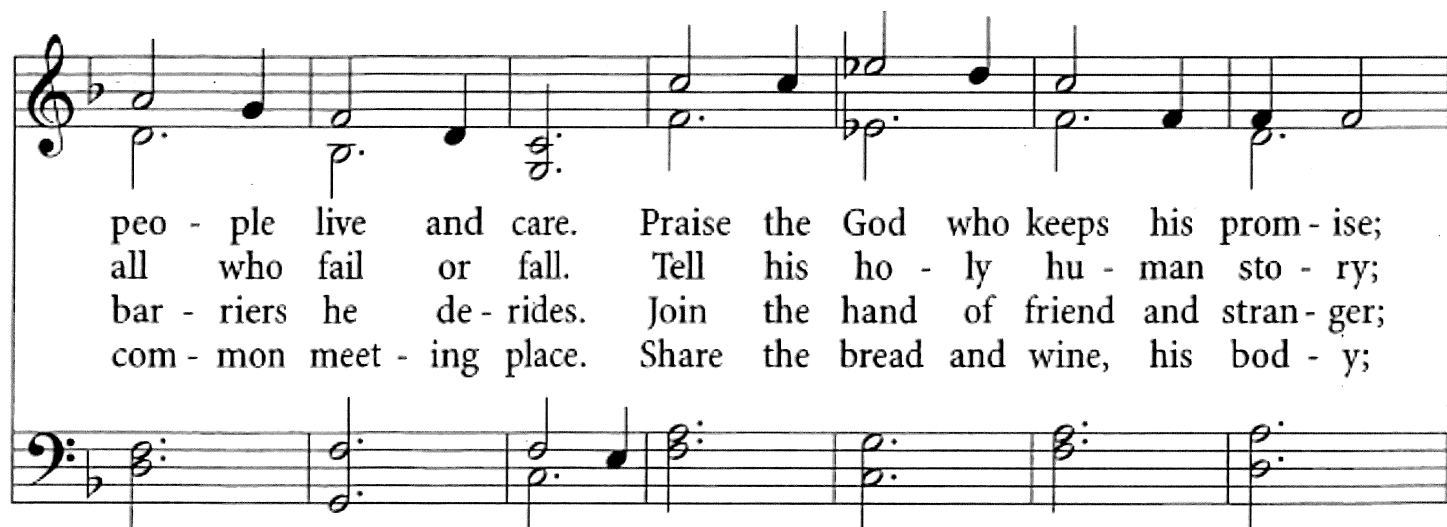
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JESUS CALLS US

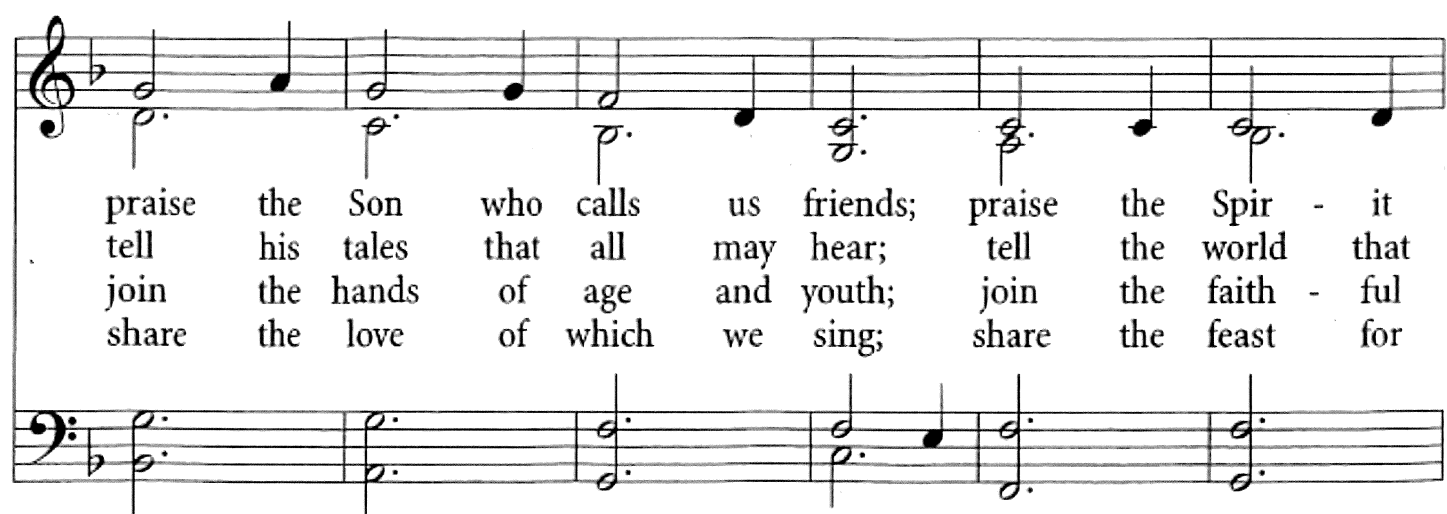
Unison

1 Je - sus calls us here to meet him, as through word and
2 Je - sus calls us to con - fess him Word of life and
3 Je - sus calls us to each oth - er: found in him are
4 Je - sus calls us to his ta - ble root - ed firm in

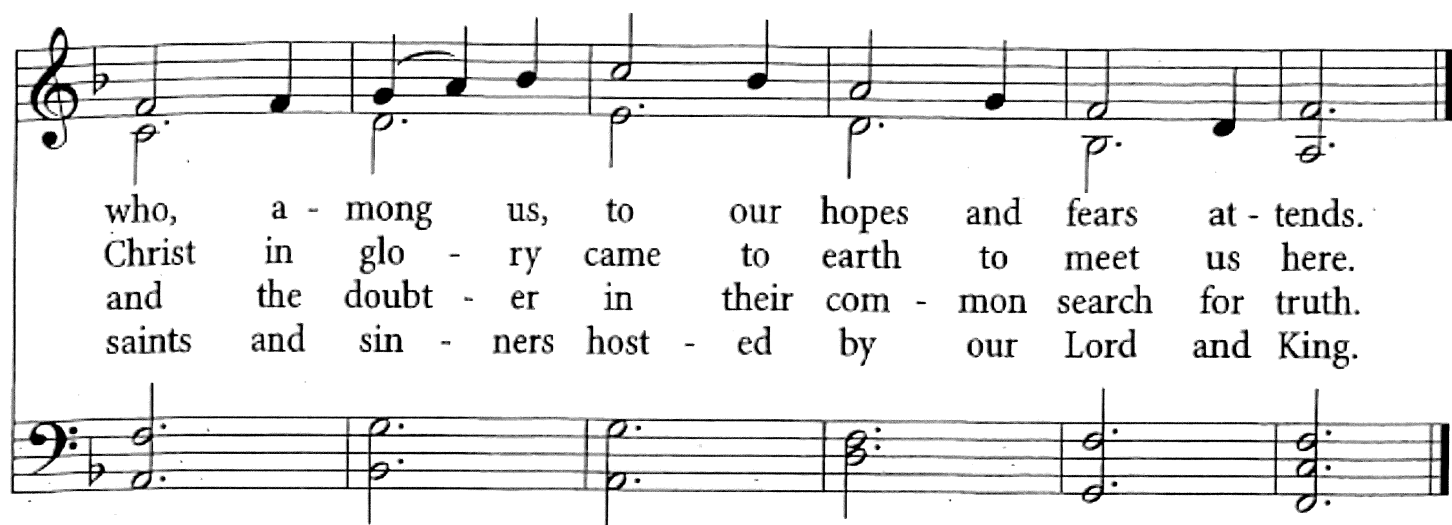
song and prayer we af - firm God's prom - ised pres - ence where his
Lord of all, shar - er of our flesh and frail - ness, sav - ing
no di - vides. Race and class and sex and lan - guage—such are
time and space, where the church in earth and heav - en finds a



peo - ple live and care. Praise the God who keeps his prom - ise;
 all who fail or fall. Tell his ho - ly hu - man sto - ry;
 bar - riers he de - rides. Join the hand of friend and stran - ger;
 com - mon meet - ing place. Share the bread and wine, his bod - y;



praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spir - it
 tell his tales that all may hear; tell the world that
 join the hands of age and youth; join the faith - ful
 share the love of which we sing; share the feast for



who, a - mong us, to our hopes and fears at - tends.
 Christ in glo - ry came to earth to meet us here.
 and the doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.
 saints and sin - ners host - ed by our Lord and King.

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GATHERING AT THE TABLE

***The Passing of the Peace**

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

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 Spirit,

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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty

from there he shall come to judge

the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic* Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic means the church universal or the church for all time*

The Bread

The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

How Can I Keep From Singing?

H. Helvey

***New Doxology**

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

***Prayer of Gratitude**

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

How Can I Keep from Singing?

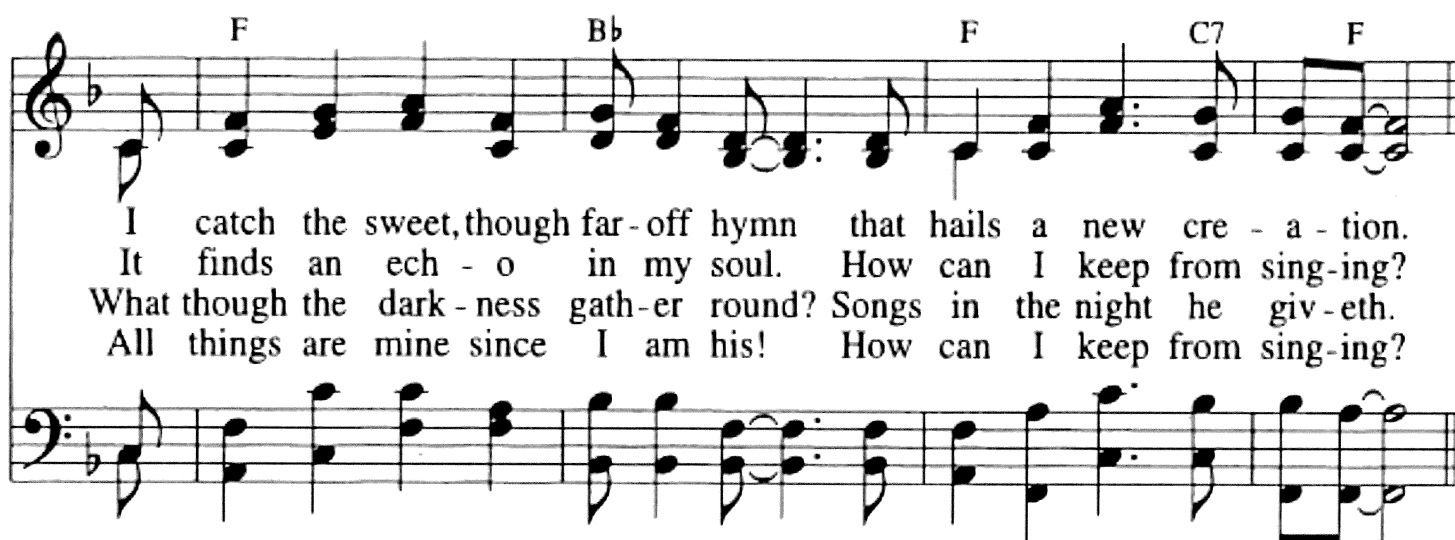
ENDLESS SONG

F Bb F C



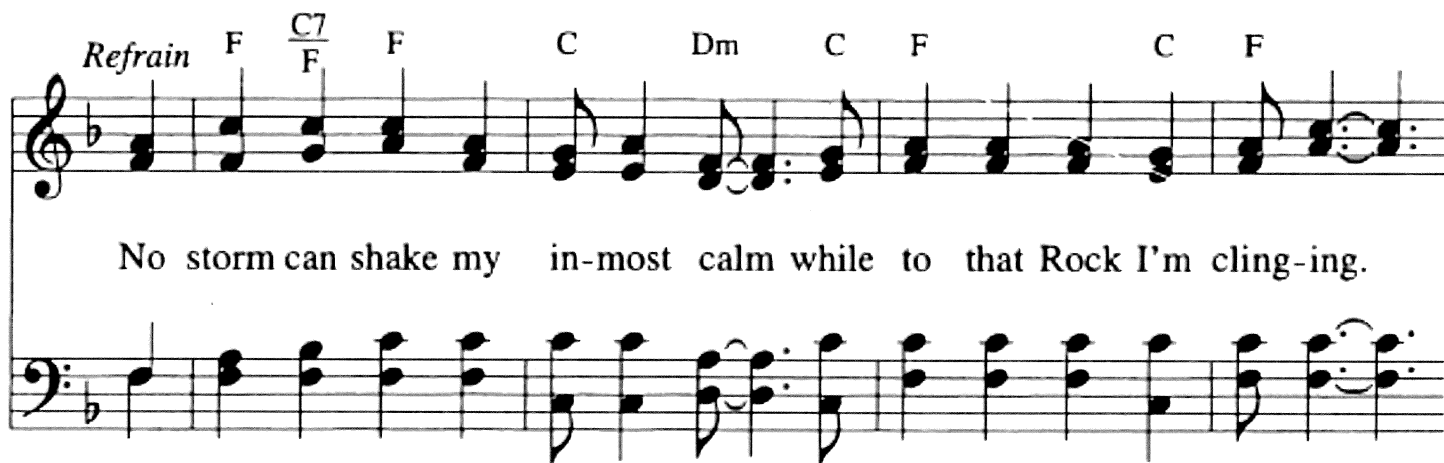
1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!

F Bb F C7 F



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
 It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain F C7/F F C Dm C F C F



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The key signature is one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the melody. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the first line.

WORDS and MUSIC: Robert Lowry (1826-1899), alt.

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world – begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude in C Major

P. Fey

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers & Leading Worship - Rev. Allan Effa;

Scripture Reading - Pam Beavan, Greg Schoepp;

Guest Preacher - Rev. Susan Oliver;

Communion Preparation - Twyla Fletcher; Bahar Zeinali.

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Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

— FBC Council