

May 12, 2019
10:30am—11:45am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

Prelude

Prelude in Classic Style
by Gordon Young

Announcements

Introit

I Thank You God for Most This Amazing Day
by Eric Whitacre

Gathering Words

Call to Worship:

One: God is loving and full of kindness;

Many: God is at home in us.

One: God is welcoming and full of beauty;

Many: God is at home in us.

One: God is forgiving and full of justice;

Many: God is at home in us.

One: God is with us; we are God's people;

Many: God is at home in us!

Opening Hymn

This is a Day of New Beginnings (verses 1, 2 & 4)
Words and music on page 6

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*This morning we welcome Olivia Resse Bortone and Nailah Icymay Gaillard into the
Christian family.*

Invitation

Promises of the Family & Congregation

Act of Baptism

Prayer

Congregational Welcome

ALL: Olivia and Nailah,
we welcome you with joy into the common life
of this church and the whole family of God.
We promise you our friendship and prayers

as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ.

By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior. Amen.

Anthem of Welcome

Child of God
by Mark Hayes

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ is with each of you.

Many: **And also with you!**

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Children's Moment

Rev. Karma Cloud

At this time, children of all ages are welcome to come to the chancel steps for the children's message.

Children 4 and older are welcome to join the Sunday school in the upstairs classroom. Ages 3 & younger are welcome in childcare.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

If you would like to share a prayer with the pastors or have a prayer lifted up during worship next Sunday, please fill out the prayer side of the green Connection Card and place it in the plate at offertory time. If you like to keep your prayer private, please use the yellow prayer request card.

Choral call to Silence

God Beyond All Names

God be - yond all names, ne - ver ful - ly known;

5
My-ste-ry of my-ste-ries, cal-ling us your own.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Time of Silence

Prayers of the People

Response: One: God in your mercy,

Many: **hear our prayers.**

Lord's Prayer

ALL: **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

Your kin-dom come.
 Your 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 Yours is the kin-dom,
 and the power,
 and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Response to Prayer *Alleluia*

1 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics placed below the notes.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WISDOM

Modern Lesson is the poem "I thank you god for most this amazing" by ee cummings

Sung Call to Scripture *Alleluia (The Boundless Universe)*

Al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya! Al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya,
 al - le - lu - ya! The bound - less u - ni - verse be - longs to Je -

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is more rhythmic and includes a 'Fine.' marking. The lyrics are placed below the notes.



Scripture Lesson John 10:22-30

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the [religious leaders] gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

One: May God’s wonder be revealed to us through the mystery of these words.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “Messianic Mind-Meld” Rev. Ann Ralosky

Musical Meditation

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Moment of Connection

At this time you are invited to fill out the green Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in the Offertory plate. Whether you are brand new or a long time member, please let us know you are here.

Offertory

Offertory Anthem *Above All Else*
by Joel Raney

Blessing of the Gifts

ALL: God of abundant grace,
as we offer you the gifts of our hands
we pray that you might also receive the gifts of our hearts.
Take both of these humble offerings and transform them

that they become agents of your shalom,
creating both within and beyond these walls a realm
of justice, mercy and peace. AMEN.

Doxology

Tune: Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

The Commission

One: The spirit of God is upon us.

Many: **God has anointed us**
to bear good news to the afflicted,
to bind up the broken hearted,
to proclaim freedom to the captives,
to open the prisons of those who are bound.
Let us go forth in the name of Christ to bring
peace into broken relationships, healing to
alienated persons, and justice into oppressive
structures. AMEN.

Benediction

Choir Farewell

Ride Up In the Chariot
African American Spiritual, arr. Larry Shackley

*You are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for the Choir Farewell or gather in the Guild Room for
Coffee Hour afterwards. All are welcome!*

SERVICE NOTES

*Thank you to our volunteer worship leaders this morning.
Please contact the church office if you'd like to find out about ways to serve.*

Liturgist: Rev. John Rogers

Reader: Janine Williams

Special Musician: Arian Clay-Sirop, percussionist

Ushers: Saija Autrand and Julie Matz-Rees

Coffee Hour Hosts: Phillis Crichlow

*A donation to the food pantry has been made by Emily Smith and Martin Edwards
in honor of their 15th wedding anniversary*

(Gratitude to the Iona Community in Scotland for much of our
liturgical language)

Unison

1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and
 * In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
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bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.
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