



Resurrection Stories

May 5, 2024

Confirmation Sunday

10 am

Prelude

Fantasia

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

John Ylvisaker
(1937-2017)

Canon in D Major
Cathleen Harris, organ

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

The prelude is a time for quiet reflection.

Introit

You Are the Vine

Danny Daniels
(b. 1924)

Chancel Choir ■ Cathleen Harris, piano

You are the vine, we are the branches,
keep us abiding in You;
and we'll go in Your love
and we'll go in Your name
that the world will surely know
that you have power to heal and to save.

Call to Worship

Rev. Adam Blons

One: We enter this holy space,

All: To remember that we are God's creation.

One: From fire, water, earth, and air, God created all life.

All: We remember that God's creation is good.

One: The candles we light represent life. In their light we bring our past, and our journey into the future. From our first breath, to now, God still creates.

All: We remember that God's creation is good.

One: To all that we are, and to what we are becoming,

All: God is still speaking to each one of us.

*Hymn

Come! Live in the Light!

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Welcome and Prayer of Gratitude

*Response

Sing Out Your Story

Brad Nix

Let love and hope a - bound. Sing out your stor - y! Make res - ur - rec - tion sound. Call up your stor - y! Wit - ness here how we en - thrall, hope and peace with - in us all, in the stor - ies we re - call of God and res - ur - rec - tion. Sing out in faith and love!

Melody from *Lift High the Palms of Praise!*
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*Passing of the Peace

Rev. Cynthia Riggan

Beloved Belonging: A Ritual of Confirmation and Communion

Confirmands: Geneva Marshall, Isa Blons, Alex Huie, Emerson Riggan,

Aria Walburn, Satya Blons, Emmett Sackett, Carmen Richmond

Mentors: Paula Mackey, Craig Bower, Ginger Carroll, John Anderson,

Lauren Dickinson, Margo Dickinson, Barb Kurtz

Youth and Mentors Sharing

Baptism of Carmen Richmond

Confirmation and Membership Questions

Congregation Response

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to journey and serve with us
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Blessing and Laying on of Hands

*Hymn

For Everyone Born

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Communion

Our table welcomes all people. Servers wash their hands just before serving. The communion elements are gluten-free crackers and grape juice. Those at home are invited to use any food or drink you wish.

Lord's Prayer – (Maori & Polynesia)

Our Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe; the way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; your heavenly will be done by all created beings; your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

From New Zealand Book of Prayer

Communion Music

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

Chancel Choir ■ Cathleen Harris, organ

(b. 1945)

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon
you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his
countenance upon you, and give you peace.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Bountiful God, we give thanks for reconnecting us at this table to one another and to you. Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another; grant us patience and wisdom; and send us forth into the world with courage to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn

Great Work Has God Begun in You (#353 NCH) see back of bulletin

*Invitation to Our Life Together and Benediction

*Response

May God's Blessing Shine Upon Us

Curt Oliver
(1943-2018)



May God's blessing shine up-on us, may we go in peace, to
love and serve the Lord. A - men, A - men.

Postlude

Choral Song

Cathleen Harris, organ

Samuel Sebastian Wesley
(1810-1876)

Notes About Our Service

* Please stand as you are able.



Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop for enhanced sound for those whose hearing aids are equipped with a t-coil.



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Our service today is being live streamed on YouTube. We occasionally scan the congregation during the broadcast. If you do not wish to appear online, we invite you to sit in the south transept or in the balcony. You will not be in view of the cameras there.

We affirm many words and images to talk about God. Feel free to change the words as you speak or sing to those you prefer.

Church Staff

Adam Blons, Lead Minister
Cynthia Riggin, Minister of Congregational
Life
Brad Bradshaw, Director of Music
Peytie McCandless, Temporary Office
Administrator
Cathleen Harris, Organist/Accompanist

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749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

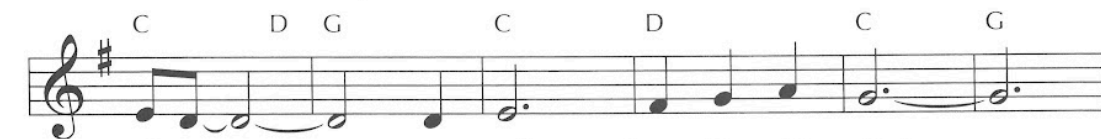
Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

769 For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

B All E E/G# A2 Bsus B

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G# A2 Bsus B

joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m C#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus B E (◌) Fine A2 E Bsus B

jus-tice and joy!

Great Work Has God Begun in You

*Phil. 1:6; Col. 2:6; Eph. 5:1**Carol Birkland, 1995*

1 Great work has God be - gun in you, so let the Spir - it
 2 In love, God calls you to this day, and gives you strength, these
 3 A - round God's ta - ble cel - e - brate the end of bond - age,
 4 Great work has God be - gun in you; take on God's love in

fol - low through; The mark of Christ up - on your brow, bap -
 vows to say; Take up the faith that you were shown, and
 sin, and hate: A feast of love and vic - to - ry, the
 all you do, And may that love in you in - crease—now,

tis - mal touch re - mem - ber now.
 grow, as - sured you are God's own.
 gift of Christ who sets us free.
 with God's bless - ing, go in peace.

Carol Birkland has served as director of Christian education in Lutheran and United Church of Christ congregations, and has written and edited curriculum. William Rowan's tune first appeared in Together Met, Together Bound, a collection of his hymn settings.

Tune: VERBUM DEI L.M.

William P. Rowan, 1993

Alternate tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR