

Worship Outline
Easter 2
April 28, 2019

Gathering

Prelude

Christ Walks in Beauty
Wilson

Introit

Jesus, Stand Among Us
Finlay

+Call to Worship (responsive)

With the joy of Easter still ringing in our ears
we come to this place of worship.

With relief of that morning still in our hearts
we come ready for the next stage.

What do you want of us now Lord?
What is it we have to do?
Tell us, teach us, command us.

Jesus wants us to teach others, are you ready?
We are ready!

Jesus wants us to make disciples, are you ready?
We are ready!

Jesus wants us to baptize and lead, are you ready?
We are ready!

+Prayer of Adoration -

Let us pray...
Go-getting God,
we thank and praise you for trusting us.

We thank and praise you,
for the honor and the privilege of sharing
a life giving message to all the world.

We thank and praise you,
for the task of telling others your story.
Not to share rumors or sound bites,
a text or a tweet,
an email or a snail mail,
but the glorious news that Jesus is not dead but alive!

You have entrusted us with this message,
not just the ordained - the priests and the pastors,
but ordinary folk,
from ordinary places,
to and tell others your story,
as it becomes our story
of changed lives and generous love. Amen.

+Hymn of Praise 456

Listen, God Is Calling

Unison Prayer of Confession -

Life-transforming is God's story,
told through music and song, deed and word,
in small churches and large,
and in us. We share the responsibility
to go and tell the Good News of Jesus to all people:

**Yet there are some of us who will be frightened of the responsibility,
who will doubt our capabilities,
who will not believe that we have enough faith,
who will believe that this is a job for someone else,
who will try to hide away in the background,
who will say I am not clever enough, or educated enough,
or faithful enough.**

Silence is kept.

**Forgive us, O Lord,
for our fear, our faint-heartedness,
our lack of courage.
You send us equipped with your Spirit,
you put the words in our mouth,
and the conviction in our heart,
to and teach even one person of the Good News
that we believe can change the world
the Good News of Jesus,
now and forever. Amen.**

Assurance -

+Welcome and the Peace -
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

+Gathering Song 243

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples -

Anthem

Go Ye Into All the World
Butler
Chancel Choir

Scripture

Matthew 28: 16-20

Let us pray.

Sing into our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life.

Tell us who we are and to whom we belong

so that we may live with gratitude for all that you have done.

A reading from the gospel of Matthew.

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." [d]

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

+Hymn 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Prayers of the People

[A time of silence may follow each petition.]

In accord with God's command that we hold
dominion over creation,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all
for whom we are called to be stewards, saying,
God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for our world, which you

made and renewed
in the power of Jesus' resurrection.
Make us wise and careful of your gifts as we live on Earth.
God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that the love which passes ceaselessly
between the Father and the Son in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
may renew and deepen the life of each Christian
and draw us all into your unending life.
God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the church:
for Protestants, Roman Catholics, and the Orthodox;
for Sunday school children and youth;
for the elderly whose wise counsel is sorely needed in all ages;
and for all ecumenical endeavors
that seek to bring us closer to each other and to you.
God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For Earth and all creatures and plants;
for healthy water and air and soil;
for policies and laws that regard our home in God's universe
as a precious gift.
God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For our families, our households, and our communities,
that your life together—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
may show us the like importance of each of us,
and so strengthen us in your grace and truth.
God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those who suffer in any way;
for those who struggle to pay rent or a mortgage;
for those who have no home;
for those who are neglected and abused in our communities;
for people who long for family and are instead alone;
for children who do not have a good guide to raise them up;
and for whatever else you see that we need.
God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

For all those needs still unnamed but placed before you now,
either silently or aloud . . .

[A time of silence is kept.]

God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we entrust all that is of concern this day,
sure that you hear our pleas,
grateful that your will be done on earth as in heaven.

We pray this in the name of the Savior, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Choral Prayer Response

In Jesus Name
Brown

Offering

Invitation -

Jesus sends his disciples into the world to bless all by his grace. With God's love, in the Holy Spirit, let us make this our offering to God.

Offertory

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
Handel

+Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore,
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

+Prayer of Dedication -

For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God. For day and night, evening and morning, for land and sea, for fish and birds, plants and animals, for humankind, and for your Son, who came among us with the gift of life abundant. Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending

+Hymn 296

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

+Blessing and Charge

The eternal Creator calls us.

The risen Savior sends us.

The dynamic Spirit empowers us.

Go into all the world, making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Go in peace!

Through baptism, you are one with Christ.

He will be with you always.

Through baptism, you have received the Holy Spirit.

She breathes into you new life.

Through baptism, you are sealed in the love of God,
who will keep you forever.

+Congregational Benediction 591 (refrain)

Halle, halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude

To God Be the Glory
Smith