



Jesus' Mission is Our Mission
Last Sunday of Eastertide
May 21, 2023

MEDITATION

"We are born to serve humanity, not to slave for society." –Stephen Attia

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

P: And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

"Daybreak Tranquillo"

Benjamin Godard 1849-1895

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Polloni, Deacon

L: What would God have us do?

All: What gifts do we have that can serve God?

L: Lord, guide our lives and our service.

All: Lord, call us to ministries of hope and promise.

L: Help us, O Lord, to look beyond words.

All: Help us, O Lord, to see ways of service.

L: Come, let us worship God with thanksgiving for gifts of ministry.

P: Let us praise God with joyful hearts for the opportunity to serve. AMEN.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

"Rejoice in the Lord Always" 2x

Insert

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chris Polloni, Deacon

Waiting God, change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Christina Williams

Jesus has opened the doors for service to each one of us. We have been freed from our fears and doubts. Rejoice, dear friends” In Jesus’ name, we are forgiven and healed.
Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“God is Here! As We Your People Meet” v 1,4

Black 70

NEW TESTAMENT READING | LUKE 4:14-21

Chris Polloni, Deacon

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

“Jesus’ Mission is our Mission”

Rev. Christina Williams

RESPONSIVE HYMN

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” v 1,2

Black 495

UNISON PASTORAL PRAYER AND JOY & CONCERNS

After the pastoral prayer, you are invited to share your joys and concerns. When names are spoken out loud, we are all invited to respond, “O Lord, hear our prayers.”

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 forever. (Sung Amen, Black 812)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC “Now Thank We All Our God” (Choir) words: Martin Rinckart, Catherine Winkworth 1827-1878, melody by Johann Cruger, 1598-1662

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love had done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One Amen.

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR EASTERTIDE**

Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given immeasurable grace to us. We present these gifts as a symbol of the ministries you have given us to do. Use them and use us to do greater good in your world. May these offerings symbolize our love for you and our commitment to serve as Christ did. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Bringing in the Sheaves” v 1,2

Insert

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Lead on, Oh King Eternal” Molto Maestoso

Henry Smart

**Stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

Ministering to us today

Chris Polloni, Deacon and Rev. Christina Williams will lead us in worship today. We are grateful to our new music director, Stephanie Miles and the Chancel Choir for providing the music and to Faith Duffy, our technical staff for today. A big thank you to Katie Weldon & Jean Davock for offering hospitality. Thank you for ministering to us in these ways.

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