

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 29, 2018

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

THE TIME OF CENTERING

“Vibrant, fruitful, growing congregations practice Radical Hospitality. Out of genuine love for Christ and for others, their laity and pastors take the initiative to invite, welcome, include, and support newcomers and help them grow in faith as they become part of the Body of Christ. Their members focus on those outside their congregation with as much passion as they attend to the nurture and growth of those who already belong to the family of faith, and they apply their utmost creativity, energy, and effectiveness to the task, exceeding all expectations.”

Robert Schnase -Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations.

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE Concerto No. 1 in E Major, Op. 8, RV 269 (“Spring” – II. Largo) A. Vivaldi
Robin Mayforth -violin, Hiroko Yamazaki - piano

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

(Romans 15:7)

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mission Initiative Report

Liz Rowe

SILENCE AS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day:

Christ Lives!

In our hearts and in our world:

Christ Lives!

In the face of an unexpected neighbor:

Christ Lives!

As we share God’s abundance:

Christ Lives!

As we care for God’s creation:

Christ Lives!

As we share the good news, let our joy be complete:

Christ Lives! Come, let us worship!

INTRO:



Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - clewide. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - clewide. No one

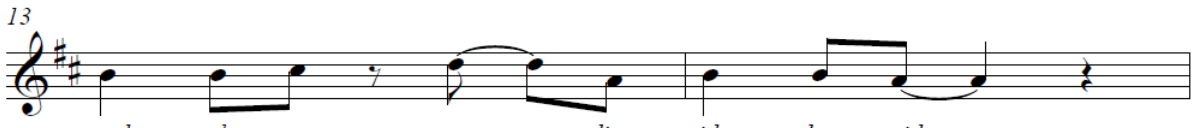


stands a - lone, we'll stand side by side. — Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - clewide.

9 REFRAIN:



Draw the cir - cle_ wide, draw it wid - er_ still. Let this be our_ song: no one



stands al - one, stan - ding side by side. —



Draw the cir - cle, — draw the cir - cle wide.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

God of peace and justice, we long for the peace within, and without. We long to find serenity of spirit in the midst of life's struggles. We long for harmony in our families and in all our relationships. We long for the day when each family everywhere might live in peace without fear, enjoying the fruit of vine and tree. Yet we confess that there is much anxiety, fear, distrust, and even violence within us. We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices which peace requires. Look upon us with kindness and mercy; rule in our heart and our world; and show us how to walk in your paths; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Time of Silence

(Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Easter People, whose light is found in Jesus our risen Christ,
may the light of God's face shine upon you
in all that you say, do, think, feel, and love.

We have the light of God within us this day and always!

*RESPONSE (all sing)

God Welcomes All

NO. 399

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong, and it never ends.**

*GREETING OF PEACE

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(We greet each other: "The peace of Christ be with you.")

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Christina Pressley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Acts 4:32-35 (*The Message*)

p. 888

Deuteronomy 10:14-22 (*The Message*)

p. 147

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Radical Hospitality

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

*HYMN NO. 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

v. 1 – all

v. 2 – high voices

v. 3 – choir

v. 4 – low voices

vs. 5 & 6 – all

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

**Our Father in heaven, reveal who you are.
Set the world right;
Do what's best— as above, so below.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.
You're in charge!
You can do anything you want! You're ablaze in beauty!
Yes. Yes. Yes. Amen!**

from *The Message*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen

Chancel Choir, Robin Mayforth – violin, Liane Gehret – flute
(The congregation is invited to sing all refrains and the final verse.)

v. 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell, and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

***Refrain:* All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

v. 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

v. 3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us. *(Refrain)*

v. 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger. *(Refrain)*

v. 5 **Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. *(Refrain, 2x)***

*DOXOLOGY (all sing)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

NO. 232, v. 4

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God of life, take these gifts and bless them, multiply them, put them to work in your world wherever there is need of peace, of justice, of hope.
Put them to work in your world to care for your earth, your water, your air – all the created elements that sustain your children.
We offer them to you as a witness to your love that makes our joy complete.**

*HYMN NO. 765

Song of Hope

1st time - Spanish (choir will lead)

2nd time - English

3rd time - Each congregant may choose to sing in either Spanish or English

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

We go out from this place trusting that God walks with us.
We go out from this place knowing that we walk in the light.
We go out from this place shining with the good news that Christ is risen:
we are new people who love our neighbors,
share God's abundance,
and care for God's creation.
Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed.
Amen!

POSTLUDE Concerto No. 1 in E Major, Op. 8, RV 269 ("Spring" – *I. Allegro*) A. Vivaldi
Robin Mayforth -violin, Hiroko Yamazaki - piano

Welcome visitors! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please record your name, address, and phone number/email on one of the Connection Cards in the pew and introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave. All are invited to join us for light refreshments and fellowship following the service in the back of the Sanctuary.

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Ron McKinney

Liturgist: Cynthia Miller

Ushers: Rita Anderson, Judy Hayes

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Abigail Quandt & Don Potter in loving memory of Edwin Potter.

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

Patrick O'Boyle Ryan O'Boyle

Heloise & John Osborn

Kelly & Anthony Pacilio, Anthony

Janice Parker

Pastoral Care: The Rev. Kathie Pownall is currently providing pastoral care for our Concord family and would love to visit anyone – not just in times of emergency. If you would like a visit, call her at 302/373-7127 or email kspownallkathie@aol.com to set up a convenient time.

Concord now accepts credit card donations. Scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera or app will connect you to a Concord website page. Click on the blue "Donate Now" button to enter a secure portal where you can enter donation amount and credit card information. You will receive an email acknowledging the donation.



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Sunday School & Family Activities

CONCORD VBS

2018

July 23-27

9am-12pm

**All things bright and
beautiful...**



**The Lord God made them
ALL!**

Middle School Conference Meeting & Youth Group Planning – today, 5:00-7:00pm: Middle schoolers and parents will meet from 5-5:30pm to talk about details for our upcoming trip to Massanetta Springs. The rest of the youth group will join us at 5:30pm to brainstorm ideas for youth group for the summer and next year! Please bring your ideas to share for fellowship activities, service projects, mission trips, and fundraisers. Parents are welcome to join us for this part of our gathering as well.

Mission Outreach

Friendship House Sunday Breakfast – May 12-13: Concord will be preparing breakfast at Sts. Andrew & Matthew on **Sat., May 12 (4:00-5:00pm)** and serving the meal on **Sun., May 13 (7:00-8:30am)**. Each Sunday, thanks to volunteers from local churches, Friendship House provides a nourishing breakfast to 90-140 homeless men, women, and children. If you would like to be a part of this outreach, please contact Judy Hayes at 545-2188 or judyfhayes@gmail.com.

Clothing Bank of Delaware Van – May 12-13: The CBD van will be open in Concord's parking lot on **Sat., May 12, 10:00am-2:00pm** and **Sun., May 13, 10:00am-noon** to accept your donations of gently-used clothing, bedding, and linens. Tax receipts will be available.

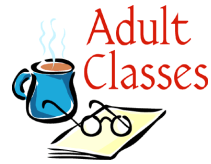


Friendship House Breakfast Closet: On the first Monday of the month, volunteers from Concord deliver breakfast supplies to the FH Women's Day Center. We need the following items:



- cans of regular coffee
- 3-lb. bags of sugar, **sealed in plastic bag**
- large containers of powdered creamer
- large jars of peanut butter and jelly
- large boxes of regular tea bags.

Place your donations in the designated basket in the Narthex. (Personal-size toiletries for women & men are also helpful.)



An Altar in the World
by Barbara Brown Taylor

April 22 – May 13

9:30 – 10:20am, Jessie's Room

Sister BJ will lead our discussion on this book in which the author shares how she learned to encounter God far beyond the walls of the church. Copies have been ordered for the class – please contact Marj Johnson if you would like one.

Concord Book Club – Suns., 9:45-10:25am, Sanctuary Lounge: We are beginning to read and discuss *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver.

You are invited to attend our Bible Study groups which discuss the background of the scripture for each Sunday's sermon:

- **Mug & Muffin Bible Study** – Weds. @ 9:30am in the Sanctuary Lounge.
- **Thaddeus Arc Men's Bible Study** – Thursdays @ 11:30am, Library.

Faith in Literature – Concord's book group will meet **Monday, May 21, 1:00pm**, at the home of Joyce Johnson (302/655-3411). Our reading assignment from *50 Great Stories: "How Beautiful with Shoes"* by Wilbur Daniel Steele and "A Haunted House" by Virginia Woolf.

Can You Spare a Square? During May,



Concord and the community will be collecting toilet paper for Friendship House. Please bring your toilet paper donations any time during the

month and drop off in the back of the Sanctuary or in the bins by the Fellowship Hall door. Friendship House goes through an enormous amount of this most necessary item at their various sites.

Blessing Bags – May 6: Concord Youth Group will be assembling Blessing Bags for our homeless neighbors **May 6** and need your donations of the items listed below. Please leave your donations in the baskets provided in the Narthex and outside of Christina's office: **water, band aids, wipes, deodorant, combs, socks, toothbrush & toothpaste, beef jerky, granola bars** (see *May Courier* for complete list). The congregation will be invited to carry the bags in their cars as a tangible way to help in a situation where they encounter someone in need. Bags will be distributed to the congregation on Pentecost Sunday.



The May issue of the Concord Courier is now available in the Narthex and on the website. There's a lot going on – don't miss a thing!

CALENDAR

Sun., April 29 Elizabeth Lyman preaching

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

10:50am Children/Youth Sunday School

5:00pm Youth Group (Planning)

Mon., April 30

9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group

6:30pm Mission Initiative (F203)

Tues., May 1

9:30am Emmanuel Dining Room South

7:00pm Family Ministries (F203)

Wed., May 2

9:30am Mug & Muffin Bible Study (SL)

7:00pm Deacons (Jessie's Room)

Thurs., May 3

11:30am Thaddeus Arc (Library)

7:30pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)

Fri., May 4

1:00pm Keith Schmude Memorial Service

Sun., May 6 Elizabeth Lyman preaching

Communion*, Deacons' Fund Offering

9:30am Adult Christian Education (JR)

9:45am Book Club (Sanctuary Lounge)

10:00am Youth Choir/Bells (F204)

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

**No Children/Youth Sunday School*

5:00pm Youth Group (Blessing Bags)

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