

WORSHIP ORDER  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

PRELUDE

“Woodland Flute Call”

Fannie Charles Dillon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Barb Huitema**

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*We greet one another with signs and words of peace.*

\*SONG OF CENTERING

“In the Bulb There is a Flower” vs. 1

NCH#433

*Margaret Stearns, 1902*

*Unison*

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
 un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
 un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## Liturgist

Liturgist: Creator God, you surround us with examples of community.

**ALL: We are witnesses to Jesus' up close and personal attempts to learn about and be with people.**

Liturgist: You want us to know that what happens outside of our church building matters to God's people.

**ALL: Continue to work in and through us to build towards flourishing of all of your creation.**

Liturgist: Call us into living...

**ALL: Call us into being curious, approachable and loving towards all Your creation.**

Let us pray:

Creator God, let us begin by sitting in silence so that we can feel the presence of You in one another...(be silent for 30 seconds or whatever feels right). Open up all our senses to be more available to the possibility of the Creator's reflection in one another and let us be ready to build up a world, one in which we become agents of change. Open our hearts, O God, and help us to feel the brokenness of your world so we can begin again. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

NCH#198

*Refrain, in unison*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim; Let

*Last time, end*



all a - dore and praise that sa - cred name.

*Stanzas, in harmony*



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, the  
 2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears  
 3 O Christ, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your  
 4 Set up your throne, that earth's de - spair may cease, be -  
 5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise

*to Refrain*



Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ the Child of God.  
 on the brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.  
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

*The Pastor invites the congregation to be seated.*

FIRST READING – John 10:22-30

**Liturgist**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in

suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly. Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**Barb Huitema**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

**Barb Huitema**

*Silence is Observed*

Sisters and brothers, let us pray together.

**All: Holy One, you love us so much, that no locked door, no overwhelming fear or guarded disbelief can keep out God's forgiveness and resurrecting love. We are set free to keep building up a new world. As Thomas proclaimed so long ago, we join with his words, My Lord and my God! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!! Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Barb Huitema**

INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE

*All are welcome to share in our communication celebration*

Blessing of the Elements

One: Let us bless the meal that we are about to receive.

One: God be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them up to God!**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High!

**Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Let us pray....

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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*Silence is Observed*

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*This Sunday, Communion will be served by intinction. Please come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and receive both as you return to your seat. There are gluten free crackers available on each plate.*

Communion Hymn

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

*Refrain*

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat;

*Fine*

come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

*Fine*

1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?  
 4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*to Refrain*

so when you call your fam - ily, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heaven - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

*to Refrain*

#### CHOIR ANTHEM

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

D. Thrupp/W. Bradbury

#### CHILDREN’S BLESSING

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Dismissal of Children

#### GOSPEL READING

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Acts: 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.



SERMON: Believing and Doing

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*The Liturgist invites the congregation to rise in body or spirit and sing the next hymn*

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

“My Shepherd is the Living God”

NCH#247

C G C G7 C F G F C

1 My shep-herd is the liv - ing God, I there-fore noth-ing need;  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

Am G C F G Am G7 C G C

In pas - tures fair, near pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed.  
 A word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

C F C Dm G C Am Dm Am FM7

You bring my wan-dering spir - it back when I for-sake your ways,  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and go—

Em C Am Dm Am Em C G7 C

And lead me for your mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.  
 My cup with bless-ings o - ver-flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
 No more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Barb Huitema**

Pastor: ...We pray to you, our mother, using the words he gave us,  
Saying together,

People: **Our Father, in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread;  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and forever.  
Amen.**

OFFERING

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*Ushers will come forward to receive the offering.*

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Praise Je - sus Christ, who rose from death! Praise to the Source of life and

breath! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise to the Spir-it, ho-ly

dove, Giv - er of life, of peace, of love. Al-le - lu - ia! Christ is

ris - en! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le - lu - ia! A - men.

\*CHARGE

**Liturgist**

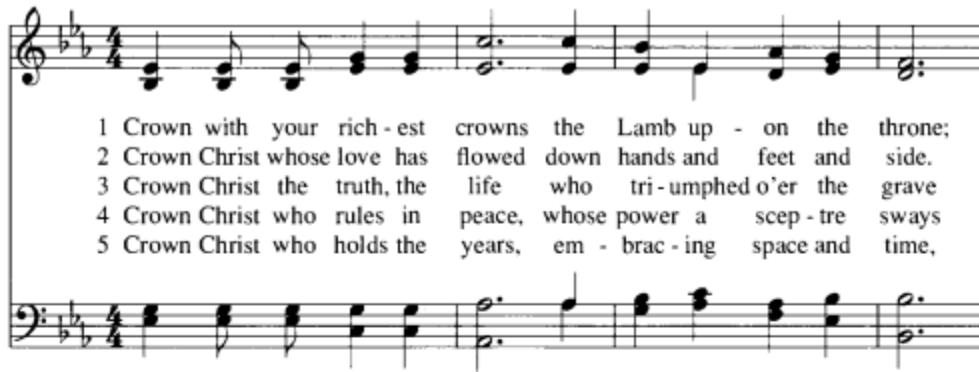
Liturgist: Go out into the world and trust in the faithfulness of God. Speak truth, Embody compassion. Live simply and creatively. Love recklessly. Transform the world through the power of hope.

**ALL: We go in peace to love and serve God in the name of the Risen Christ.**

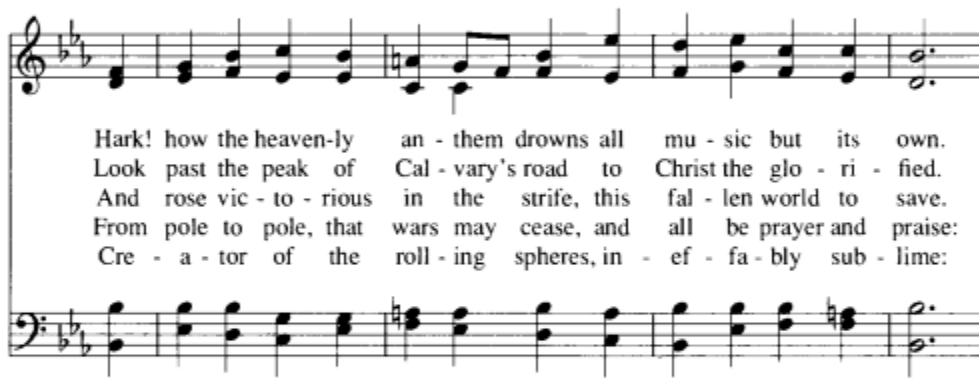
\*SONG OF PARTING

“Crown With Your Richest Crowns”

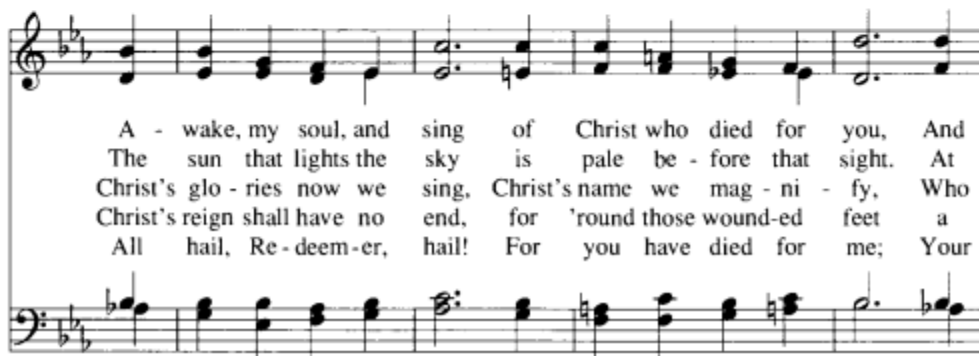
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1 Crown with your rich - est crowns the Lamb up - on the throne;  
2 Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.  
3 Crown Christ the truth, the life who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
4 Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a scep - tre sways  
5 Crown Christ who holds the years, em - brac - ing space and time,



Hark! how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
Look past the peak of Cal - vary's road to Christ the glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife, this fal - len world to save.  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:  
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



A - wake, my soul, and sing of Christ who died for you, And  
The sun that lights the sky is pale be - fore that sight. At  
Christ's glo - ries now we sing, Christ's name we mag - ni - fy, Who  
Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wound-ed feet a  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For you have died for me; Your

to your ris - en Sav - ior bring your thanks for life made new.  
 prayer we glimpse then turn the eye from mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 fra - grant gar - den shall ex - tend for - ev - er green and sweet.  
 praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

\*BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE:

“March Triomphale”

Sigfried Karg-Elert

*\*Indicates that congregation is invited to rise and body and spirit.*