

We Gather as the People of God

‡Musical Call to Worship *As the Deer* arr. Cota
 Celtic Farewell Lamb

‡Greeting, Announcements, and Invitation to Discipleship

‡Moment for Mission Mission Trip Virtual Car Wash Colin Buteyn

*‡Introit *Christ Is Arisen* arr. Liebergen

*‡Call to Worship

One: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Many: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

Many: Let all the peoples praise you.

*‡Hymn No. **403** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* UNSER HERRSCHER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Let us pray with one voice.)

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

Kyrie No. **553** *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen* LAND OF REST

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Assurance of Pardon

*‡Exchange of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Greet one another in the peace of Christ.

*‡Response Hymn No. **242** *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded* IN DIR IST FREUDE
 (verse 2)

**Day of delight and beauty unbounded,
tell the news, the gospel spread!
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,
praise Christ risen from the dead!**

**Sing now of mourning turned into dancing;
sing now the mystery, hope of our glory;
sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!
Sing now of fasting turned into feasting;
sing the Lord's favor lasting forever;
sing, all things living, alleluia!**

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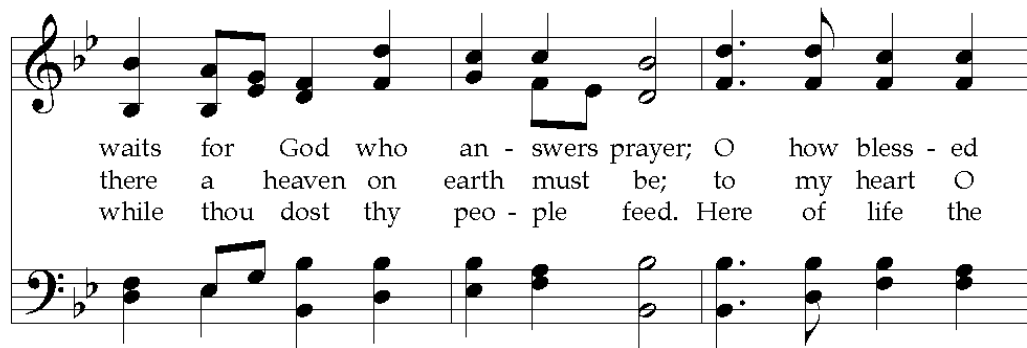
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be



en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,



waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 67

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Tallis

(Words printed on the back of the bulletin.)

Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Experience God's Love

Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

*Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q and A 31-35

Q. 31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, sanctification, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Q. 34. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.

*Hymn No. 461

As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn

AS DEW FALLS

We Respond to God's Word

Joys and Concerns of the People

Joy: First Presbyterian Church, Newton

Ministry: Chancel Choir

Care and Comfort: Larry Cracraft, Janice DeMayo, Steve DeMayo, Gary Hart, Pam Head, Sheena Heimberg, Larrisa Law, Bixley Sobrino, Carol Taylor, Luther Youngs

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

(Traditional)

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.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

It Is Well

arr. Raney

461 As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn

1 As dew falls gent - ly at dawn, speak to us your
 2 As rain falls feed - ing the earth, send the bless - ings
 3 As light shines forth from the sun, shed on us your

beau - ti - ful word. Je - sus, Lord, when you send your word,
 of your great love. Je - sus, Lord, when you send your grace,
 spir - it of joy. Sav - ior, Je - sus, send us your peace,

word of life and lamp to our feet, all we who wan - der in
 grace un - bound - ed, fill - ing our souls, all we who hun - ger and
 peace that calms our souls from with - in. All we who suf - fer and

This gentle Korean hymn interweaves several patterns through its three stanzas. First are nurturing natural phenomena: dew, rain, sun. These are paralleled by spiritual gifts: word, grace, peace. Both patterns are united by a recurring sixth line conveying the theme of the text.

sin find strength and new - ness of life. Je - sus, Lord, when
 thirst find strength and new - ness of life. Je - sus, Lord, when
 sigh find strength and new - ness of life. Je - sus, Lord, when

you send your word morn - ing breaks and we walk in light.
 you send your love we a - rise and fol - low your way.
 you send your peace, we are filled with heav - en - ly love.

*Doxology

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Let us pray with one voice.)

Giving God, as spring bursts forth its blossoms in witness to your love, you bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God, so we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World

*Hymn No. 733

We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

*Charge and Blessing

One: Alleluia! Amen.
 Many: **Alleluia! Amen.**

The Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Shackley

**(Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

⚡(Time to seat those who arrive after the start of the service)

The flowers this morning are given by Sandy Remsberg and family in loving memory of Jim Remsberg.

Leading and Serving in Worship Today

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh, Interim Pastor
Tom Webster, Liturgist
Sean Foster, Director of Chancel Choir
Bryce Mulkey, Bell Choir Director
Kelsey Wise, Organist
Chancel Choir
Bell Choir
Bill Vavra, Reader

Worship Notes

Christ Is Arisen (Introit)
arranged by Patrick M. Liebergen

Christ is arisen, praise the Lord! Hail the Savior, King adored!
Songs of joy we gladly bring, all the faithful join and sing:
Christ is arisen, praise the Lord! Hail the Savior, King adored!

If Ye Love Me(Anthem)
by Thomas Tallis

If ye love me
Keep my commandments
And I will pray the Father
And he shall give you another comforter
That he may 'bide with you forever
E'en the spirit of truth

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

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