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May 12, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 AM

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(8:00 AM) <b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>The Strife is O'er</i>	by Pott
(10:30 AM) <b>CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRELUDE</b>	<i>This is the Day</i>	by Garrett

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: We enter into this last Sunday of Easter, remembering who we are in the midst of a changing world...When the tomb looms large before our eyes, and we find ourselves hesitant to move on remind us, Lord, who we are:

**C: We are children of the resurrection; the place of death will not hold us.**

L: We are the painters of the rainbows; children of God's promise; the shadow of death will not daunt us. We are not finished here.

**C: We are the breakers of loaves and fishes; the taste of death will not defile us.**

L: We walk with the one who breathes life into dry bones; the power of death

will not defy us.

**C: We are children of the Resurrection; the spirit of death and hopelessness will not destroy us!**

L: God is our refuge and our strength.

**C: Though the world keeps changing, we can stand steady.**

L: We gather in the power and sure promise of resurrection.

And gathering in confidence of God's power, I invite you to stand as comfortable for our opening hymn.

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 42 NCH** (black hymnal, see below) *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

## O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Miriam Winter

Carl Glaser

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The score consists of four lines of music, each with four measures. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. The piece ends with a double bar line at the end of the fourth line.

1. O for a thou - sand  
2. My grac - ious Sav - ior  
3. Je - sus! the name that  
4. Glo - ry to God, and

3  
tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise, The  
and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim, To  
calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease Is  
love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given By

6  
glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the  
spread through all the earth a - broad the  
mu - sic in the sin - nger's ears, is  
all the saints in ev - ery age, the

8  
tri-umphs of God's grace.  
hon - ors of your name.  
life, and health, and peace!  
church in earth and heaven.

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Merciful God,

**C: we confess how easy it is for us to begin to adopt the attitudes and actions of the world around us; to let our lives be shaped by contemporary culture rather than by Your call to new life. We confess how often we think of our own interests first—more concerned with our own status and well-being than with the well-being of others. We confess that we have not always treated one another as valued members of Your Body, the Church; that we have allowed intolerance and resentment to tear us apart. We confess that we do not always acknowledge You as Lord, trusting in our own abilities and following our own goals rather than submitting ourselves to Your will and Your call. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform us. Change us from the inside out, so that our words and our lives would bring honor and glory to You, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Even when we fall short, God offers us new life. God brings us back time and again to resurrection living.

**C: I am forgiven. You are forgiven. We are forgiven by our God who creates new life each day.**

L: Let us continue from here, following God's calling each day. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 236 NCH

*Halle, Halle, Halle*

**ALL SING: Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.**

**I am the resurrection, live in me. I am the way the truth, follow me. I am the resurrection, live in me. Hallelujah, hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.**

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(10:30 AM) **HOLY DINGALINGS**

*Jesus Loves Me*

by Bradbury

**SCRIPTURE**

*Luke 24:44-53 (The Message)  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (The Message)*

**SERMON**

Deb Herlocker

**HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 495 NCH** (see next page)

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

# Called As Partners in Christ's Service

John E. Bode, 1868

A. H. Mann, 1883

♩ = 80

Piano

1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-  
2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to  
3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or  
4. So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der

4

- tries of grace, We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of  
work and worth, Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing  
glo-bal sense, Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each  
hu-man life That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that

8

faith to trace. May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and  
folk on earth. Men and wo-men, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple,  
wall or fence. Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge,  
con-que-ers strife. Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion

12

friend with friend, E-qual part-ners in our car-ing  
young and old, Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er  
said with care, Bring new power and strength for ac-tion,  
to in-crease, Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing

15

to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL:** 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

**WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

*We Are the Church of God*

Angerman & Paige

**A TIME FOR SHARING**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*Trust and Obey*

by Sammis

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 2215 FWS

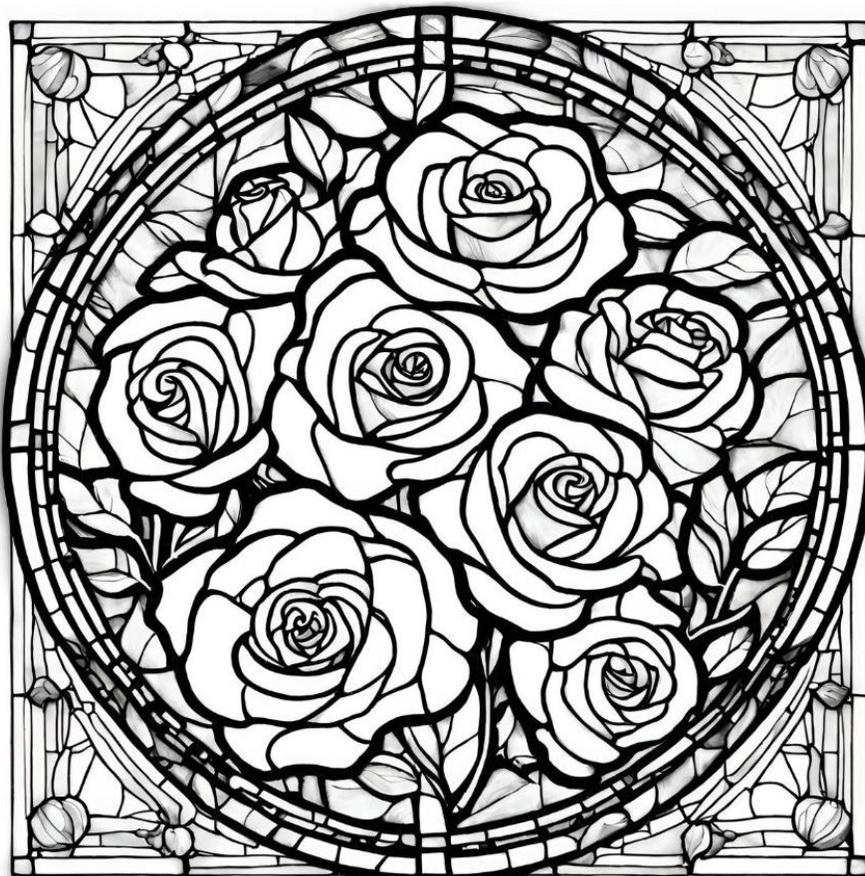
*Cares Chorus*

**ALL SING:** I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 76 NCH** (see next page)

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*



# Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Katherine K. Davis

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**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the  
2. With praise and thanks-giving to God ever-living, the

6  
people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O  
tasks of our ev-ery-day life we will face. Our faith ev-er shar-ing, in

12  
now be ex-tend-ed the fruits of our wor-ship in all who be-lieve. The  
love ev-er car-ing, em-brac-ing God's chil-dren of each tribe and race. With

18  
seed of the teach-ing, re-cep-tive hearts reach-ing, shall bloss-om in  
your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us, u-nite us as

23  
ac-tion for God and for all. God's grace did in-vite us, and love shall u-  
one in this life that we share. Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-

29  
nite us to work for God's realm and to an-swer the call.  
giv-ing give hon-or to Christ and that name which we bear.

**\*BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

by Wesley

## **References**

<sup>1</sup>The Call To Worship is adapted from from Phyllis Cole and Everett Tilson, Litanies and Other Prayers, Year C, adapted by the Rev. Dixie Brachlow, Ashland Presbyterian Church, Ashland, VA, and posted on the text this week. And accessed for use on 5/2/24.

<sup>2</sup>The Prayer of Confession was written as a resource and shared by Re:Worship BlogSpot <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/08/prayer-of-confession-august-21-2011.html> and accessed for use on 5/2/24.

## **Volunteers**

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

**Guest Worship Leader/Preacher:** Deb Herlocker

**8 AM Welcome Team Members—**Kathy & Bob Ensminger

**8 AM Liturgist—**Diane Strine

**8 AM Tech Team—**Jack Herlocker & John Kollasch

**10:30 AM Welcome Team Members—**Sarah Shaffer, Melissa Shindler, & Stella Fletcher

**10:30 AM Liturgist—**Jesse Smith

**10:30 AM Tech Team—**Jack Herlocker, John Kollasch, & John Schriver

**Worship Choir—**Andrea Adams, Tom Bair, Brenda Beyer, Braden Bicher, Debbie Butcher, Lana Fritz, Carol Hartman, Norma Hull, Michael Maletz, Jen Miller, Barb Neff, Paula Strayer

# NOTES

