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May 11, 2025 9:45 AM

Fourth 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, 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!

WORSHIP CHOIR OPENER
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
JOYS & CONCERNS

Be Joyful and Sing

by Harlan

PRELUDE (played by the Holy Dingalings)

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: We come, like Thomas, full of questions—

C: Needing to see, to touch, to know for ourselves.

L: We come, like the disciples, behind locked doors—

C: Holding our doubts, our fears, our wonder.

L: The Risen Christ is not offended by our questions.

C: He shows up anyway—wounds and all—offering peace.

L: Resurrection is not the end of mystery, but the beginning.

C: In the presence of the Risen One, we are free to ask, to seek, to grow.

L: So come with your wonder.

C: Come with your questions.

L: Come with your whole, searching heart.

C: For Christ meets us here—with love, with grace, with peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us join together in prayer to our loving and gracious God...Risen Christ,

C: you met Thomas in his doubt and the disciples in their fear—meet us now in our searching. Open our hearts to wonder, our minds to your mystery, and our spirits to your peace. May this be a place where questions are welcomed, where faith is deepened, and where your presence is made known again and again. Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN UM HYMNAL # 308 (see next page)

Thine Be the Glory



Thine Be the Glory



*TIME OF CONFESSION1

CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Risen Christ,

C: we confess that we often hide our doubts, thinking they disqualify us from faith. We confess the times we have closed the doors of our hearts—out of fear—out of pain—out of pride. We forget that you come through locked doors, that you show up with wounds still visible, that you meet us in the mystery, not apart from it. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us trust that questions can lead us closer to you, and that your peace is always breathing among us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: Hear this good news: Christ does not wait for perfect belief. Christ does not scold the doubting heart. Instead, the Risen One comes to you now—offering peace, breathing out grace, and calling you by name. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are held in love, surrounded by mercy, and invited to begin again.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE NCH # 236 (black hymnal)

Halle, Halle, Halle

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands Traditional

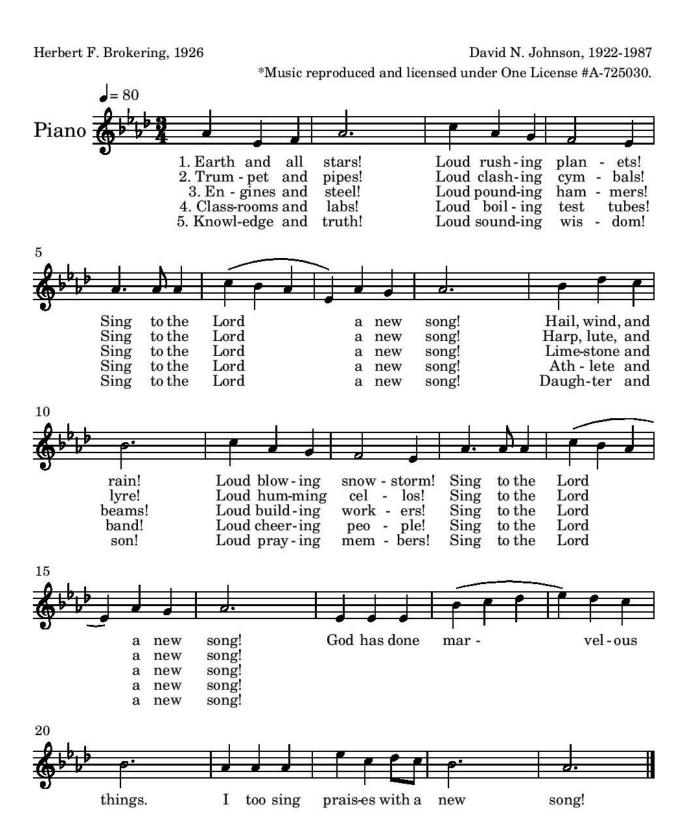
SCRIPTURE SERMON

John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

HYMN OF THE DAY LUTHERAN HYMNAL NO. 558 (see next page, vs. 1, 3, & 5)

Earth and All Stars!

Earth and All Stars!



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.

SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by Caitlin Damon)

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

This is My Father's World

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

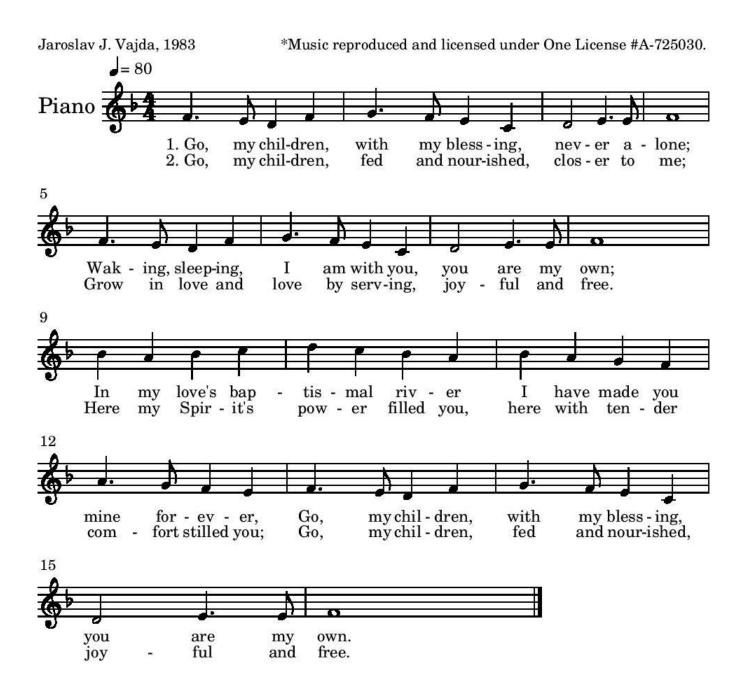
Traditional

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 82 NCH (see next page)

Go My Children with My Blessing



Go, My Children, with My Blessing



References

¹The 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.

<u>Welcome Team Members—</u>Nancy & Jeff Sleeger, Carol Bair, Faye Heal <u>Liturgist—</u> Brenda Beyer <u>Tech Team—</u> Deb Herlocker, & Jack Herlocker, & John Schriver