

GATHERING

Voluntary: Two Elevations.....Paul Benoit

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon

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Introit: O Let Us Praise Thee..... Richard Farrant

† Processional Hymn *TFWS* No. 2009 O God Beyond All PraisingThaxted

† Call to Worship.....Erin Racine

Leader: *Today, we celebrate that no one is forgotten.*

People: For God promises to care for all Creation!

Leader: *May our hearts swell as we are reminded of God's faithfulness.*

People: For God promises to care for all Creation!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we confess

that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.*

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

† Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love.*

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo - ple on earth.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination..... Ed Zinkiewicz

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

A lesson from the Old Testament: 2 Samuel 8:15; 9:1-4 and 9-10a

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: The Kindness of God..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith:..... No. 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Stacey Harwell-Dye

The Offering

Offertory: Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life!.....Harold W. Friedell

Come, my way, my truth, my life! Such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength! Such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart! Such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joyes in love.

(George Herbert)

† Doxology.....No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Thanksgiving

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also, with you.**

Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are



ful _ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes _ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance

People:



Christ has died, Christ is _ ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

People:



Through your Son, Je - sus _ Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly



Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass 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.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 144, 613, 616.

Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*

People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**

Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*

People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**

Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*

People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**



SENDING FORTH

- 2023 High School Senior Bible Presentation Emily Robbins
† Recessional Hymn No. 140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness.....Faithfulness
† Benediction
† Benediction Response: Together Met, Together Bound.....Land of Rest
Voluntary: Final from Symphony No. 1 Louis Vierne
† The congregation is invited rise in body or in spirit.

The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship. All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.

Livestream and video recording happen during our church services and worship events.

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The altar flowers are given by Allan and Gretchen Horner to glorify our Lord, and in memory and celebration of the lives of our mothers and sisters who have gone before us - Phyllis Ann Pederson, Janet Best Horner, Karen Pederson Drury, Laura Horner Winebarger and Sue Elizabeth Horner. We hope to be with them again one day. But not yet.

Liturgy written by Shannon Baxter.

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Bulletin Cover Art: "David and Harp," painted by Marc Chagall in 1958. Chagall (1887-1985) was born into a Jewish family in what is now Belarus. He lived in various places during his artistic career and wartime, including France, but escaped to New York for 7 years when France was occupied. Although his paintings vary widely according to subject, Chagall produced several hundred paintings on Biblical subjects, of which this is one.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Andrew Risinger is the organist-director. Matthew Phelps is assisting at the organ.

Today's Music: Thomas Chisholm, author of "Great is Thy Faithfulness," led a fairly ordinary life. He did not write this hymn during a period of intense grief or after encountering God in a profound way. Instead, he found truth in the words he encountered in Lamentations 3:22-23: "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

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The History of Our Sanctuary Windows

As part of our yearlong celebration of our church's 150th Anniversary, don't forget about Lunch and Learn with Heath Jones to learn about the history and meaning in our beautiful sanctuary stained-glass windows. We will gather in the 4th Story Theater for a time of lunch together (only for those who RSVPd) before Heath leads us in a presentation about our windows. After we learn about the families represented in the windows, the meanings of symbols chosen, and more, we will tour the Sanctuary to see the windows up close and in person in a whole new light.

Service of Choral Evensong • This Evening, Sunday, May 7 at 4 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir will sing a service of choral evensong in the sanctuary this afternoon at 4 p.m. Led by Andrew Risinger, conductor and guest organist, Malcolm Matthews, the service will include music of Joseph Barnby, Herbert Howells, Paul Spicer, and Charles Wood. We invite everyone to join in this service of prayers sung and spoken...a time to forget the ceaseless activity of daily life and be still.

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

VBS is June 12-15 this year 5-7pm. Children 3 years old by June through rising 5th grade are invited to join us for Hero Hotline VBS this summer! The cost is \$10 per child and includes a snack supper each evening. Youth and adult volunteers are needed for VBS. If you are interested in helping, please contact Maggie Jarrell - mjarrell@westendumc.org Please register at westendumc.org/vbs2023.

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