

APRIL 18, 2021



Third Sunday of Easter

When congregational songs are sung in worship this morning, we invite you to listen prayerfully; texts are provided for your personal reflection.

Prelude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Amber Sawyers, Piano

from *The Sacred Harp*,
arr. Keveren

Welcome

April Alston

Sung Call to Worship

“How Then Shall We Live?”
Elizabeth Worley and Christian Mclvor

Words and Music by Christian Mclvor

We are starting again, though we bear the weight of all through which we've been;
As we journey down this road, we are called to carry on and share the load...
How then shall we gather?
How then shall we lament?
How then shall we hope?
How then shall we live?

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:19-29

Debbie Mikeal

Music

“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”
Elizabeth Worley and Amber Sawyers

TRENTHAM;
Words by Edwin Hatch,
Music by Robert Jackson

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Pastoral Prayer

Christian Mclvor

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:1-12

Debbie Mikeal

Sermon*"Re-Discovering the Cornerstone"*

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Musical Reflection*"Living Stones"*

Elizabeth Worley and Christian McIvor

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor

Verse 1:

Come! See! Let your heart be set on fire!
And go! Tell! Add your voice now to the choir!
Join us as we sound the invitation
To work to bring about a new creation!

Pre-chorus:

Here, we are answering our call;
Every member equipped to bring light and hope to all.

Chorus:

We will bring God's reign near and in the love of Christ be led,
Doing the Word, making it heard.
And all are welcome here! Come to the table and be fed!
From near and far, come as you are.
Here, you will never be alone.
In the glory of God, we're building a church of living stones!

Verse 2:

Open up your mind to transformation
That offers justice, peace, and liberation.
Growing as we honor our tradition;
Together, we'll move forward in our mission.

(Pre-chorus, Chorus)

A Time of Response

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Music for Response*"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"*

Elizabeth Worley and Amber Sawyers

EBENEZER;
Words by Janie Alford,
Music by Thomas John Williams

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

Doxology**"Doxology"**

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Elizabeth Worley and Amber Sawyers

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
O praise God, O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebrating Community

Steve Rose

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude**"This Is My Father's World"**

Amber Sawyers, Piano

by Sheppard,
arr. Keveren

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