

MAY 2, 2021



Fifth Sunday of Easter

When congregational songs are sung in worship this morning, we invite you to listen prayerfully and participate in other safe ways if you feel so moved - feel free to stand, move, clap, drum on your lap, etc. Texts are provided below for your personal reflection.

Prelude

"Allegro from Water Music"
GBC Handbell Choir

G.F. Handel,
arr. Michael R. Keller

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Call to Worship

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"
Elizabeth Worley, Heather Choplin,
Christian McIvor, Pepper Choplin, Tim Hendrix

DARWALL'S 148th;
Words by Brian Dill,
Music by John Darwall
(1st verse and refrain)

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!

Refrain:
In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

Opening Song

"Holy Spirit / Set a Fire"
Pepper Choplin

Words and Music by
Bryan & Katie Torwalt, Will Reagan

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close,
Nothing can compare,
You're our living hope:
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
In your presence, Lord.

Chorus:
Holy Spirit, you are welcome here,
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory God is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by your presence, Lord;
Your presence, Lord.

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So, set a fire down in my soul
That I can't contain and I can't control;
I want more of you, God,
I want more of you, God

No place I would rather be,
No place I would rather be,
No place I would rather be,
Than here in your love, here in your love.

(Chorus)

Prayer

Bob Millikan

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40

April Alston

Hymn

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"
Elizabeth Worley, Heather Choplin,
Christian McIvor, Pepper Choplin, Tim Hendrix

SPIRIT; Words and Music by
James K. Manley

Refrain:
Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters;
you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings." (Refrain)

You swept through the desert;
you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land.
When they were confounded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes. (Refrain)

You sang in a stable;
you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still.
And down in the city,
you called once again
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)

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You call from tomorrow;
you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions;
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise. (Refrain)

Sermon

"Bold in Spirit"

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Musical Reflection

"Living Stones"

Christian McIvor, Elizabeth Worley, Pepper Choplin

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor, © 2020

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)

Communion

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Passing of the Peace

Invitation

"Living Stones" (Refrain Only)

Christian McIvor, Pepper Choplin

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Closing Song

“This Is What We Came to Do”
Christian McIvor, Pepper Choplin, James Tatum

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor, © 2018

Verse 1:

In all our journeys, you're never far;
You let us know just who we really are.
When we are weak, you make us strong;
You give us breath and life to sing your song.

Pre-chorus:

With ears wide open, we can hear your call,
It's the sound of freedom and hope for all.

Chorus:

We will bring your peace to all the people,
We will stand for justice in the truth.
Living in the light, giving of the love, breaking all the chains that keep us bound;
Sharing in the glory of your presence,
This is what we came to do.

When we are weary, you give us rest;
Your Spirit guides us throughout every test.
We're moving forward, we'll lead the way
To a new creation, and it starts today.

(Pre-chorus, Chorus)

Celebrating Community

April Alston

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

“The Water Is Wide”
Christian McIvor, James Tatum, Tim Hendrix

arr. John A. Dempsey

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