



**DOWNTOWN**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



Celebration of Worship  
Sunday, May 17, 2020  
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Words of Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl

Chime

\*Call to Worship

One: There are different gifts.

**Many: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

One: Each of us is blessed by the Spirit for the good of the whole.

**Many: By the Spirit, we who are many are knit into one body. Together, we are the body of Christ, a light of kindness and justice shining in the world.**

\*Hymn 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies  
(Hymn on following page)

LAUDES DOMINI

\*Centering Prayer (unison)

God of Mystery, sometimes we stop in the middle of whatever we are doing and remember to be astonished. The wonder of our being alive here on this beautiful greening earth is far beyond our capacity to describe. Yet we are gathered this morning to say thank you. Thank you for calling us into being. Thank you for loving us with more tenderness and faithfulness than we can begin to fathom. Thank you for planting within each of us a desire to explore, to understand more completely, to grow in compassion, and to learn from each other's wisdom. Stir us with your Spirit as with springtime winds, that each of us, and all of us, may shine with the light of your glory. Amen.

## When Morning Gilds the Skies

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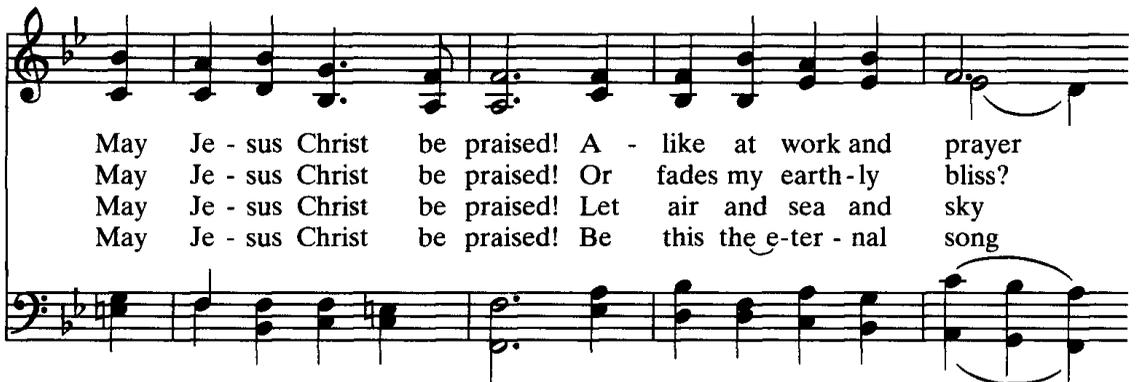
German hymn, c. 1800

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

Joseph Barnby, 1868



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:  
 2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:  
 3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round In joy - ful notes re - sound:  
 4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:



May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer  
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?  
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky  
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song



To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 From depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

## First Reading

Music for Reflection

'Tis the Gift to Be Simple

Shaker Song  
Arr. Tim Lambert

“’Tis the gift to be simple, ’tis the gift to be free  
’Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
’Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gain’d,  
To bow and to bend we shan’t be asham’d,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come ’round right.”

Second Reading

Numbers 11:25-30

Meditation

Rev. Youngdahl

Music for Reflection

Come and Find the Quiet Center  
Music from The Sacred Harp, 1844  
Text by Shirley Erena Murray

1 Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

2 Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we’re shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

3 In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

Prayers of Healing and Transformation

Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit come! Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Spirit, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on  
"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

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