

DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



TODAY WE ARE CALLED...

Celebration of Worship

Sunday, March 14, 2021,

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Prelude

Meditation on Kingsfold
Lee Wright, violin, Alan Jones, piano

Words of Welcome

The Rev. Deborah Fae Swift

Chime

Introit

Day by Day

Martin How

**"Day by day, dear God, of thee three things I pray.
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day."**

Text: Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester (c.1197-1253)
(recording from the service for Sunday, February 28, 2021)

Call to Worship

Pat Tweet

With all my heart I will thank God in the assembly of God's people.

How wonderful are the things that God does!

We come here today because we long to be close to you.

We come here because we want to be with you.

Speak to us in ways that we can understand,

And bring us together with your Spirit, we ask.

Hymn

Come Sing, O Church, In Joy
(Music may be found at the end of the bulletin)

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Centering Prayer

Pat Tweet

Author of Life.

Ground of our Being.

Cornerstone of all that we are.

Desire of Nations.

Holy Advocate.

Morning Star revealed.

Our Beloved.

Alpha and Omega.

Prince of Peace.

Refiner and Redeemer.

Wonderful Counselor.

We know you by so many names, and each one reflects part of our relationship with you. Lead us. Guide us. Bring us close, for we find our life in you. We long to see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly. Sing us into existence and make us your own, we ask. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6 (Unison)
from *The Message* translation

Pat Tweet

How blessed is God! And what a blessing God is! The Parent of our Brother, Jesus, and the one who takes us to the high places of blessing. Long before God laid down earth's foundations, God had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of Divine love, to be made whole and holy by that love. Long, long ago God decided to adopt us into the family through Jesus Christ. What pleasure God took in planning this, wanting us to enter into the celebration of lavish gift-giving by the hand of the beloved Son.

Music for Reflection

How Fair Is Thy Face

Edward Grieg

*"How fair is Thy face, Yea fair, yea fair,
Thou Son of God, Thou Prince of Grace!
O Thou my Shulamite, sweet and kind, Yea kind, yea kind,
All that I have is also Thine.*

*My friend, Thou art mine, Yea mine, yea mine,
For evermore let me be Thine,*

*Thou canst me save, canst me save, Yea save, yea save,
Both here on earth and 'yond the grave.*

*Remember my plight, Yea plight, yea plight,
Around me hostile swords flash bright.
Fly hither, Dove of Grace, Dove of Grace, Apace, apace!
Among the rocks are peace and space.*

*How fair is Thy face, how fair Thy face,
Thou Son of God, Thou Prince of Grace,
My Shulamite, so sweet and kind,
O Thou my Shulamite,
All that I have is Thine!"*

Text: Hans Adolf Brorson (1694-1764) Trans. Percy Grainger

Reflection

"The 21st century Church" – Part I

Rev. Swift

Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service
(Music may be found at the end of the bulletin)

BEECHER

Invitation to the Offering*

Offertory Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

*"If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Creator
And God shall give you another comforter,
That God may abide with you forever,
Ev'n the spir't of truth."*

Text: John 14:15-17

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Let songs rise up from earth below;
Let stars and galaxies enthrone;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.**

* We gratefully receive your offerings through the mail to the church office:
121 N. Fitzhugh St, 14614, Attn: Penny Crudup.

Prayers for Healing and Transformation

Rev. Swift

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.

Closing Hymn

Today We Are Called to Be Disciples
(Music may be found at the end of the bulletin)

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Benediction

Rev. Swift

Postlude

Fugue on the Trompette

François Couperin

Thank you to. . .

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Jason Cloen, Alan Jones, Anna Martin, and Lee Wright

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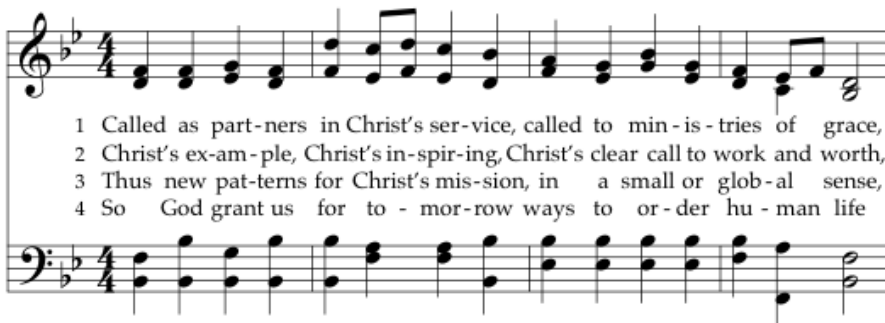
1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

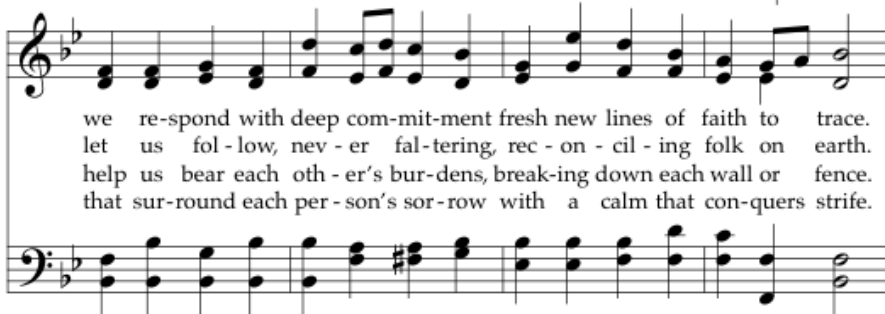
In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

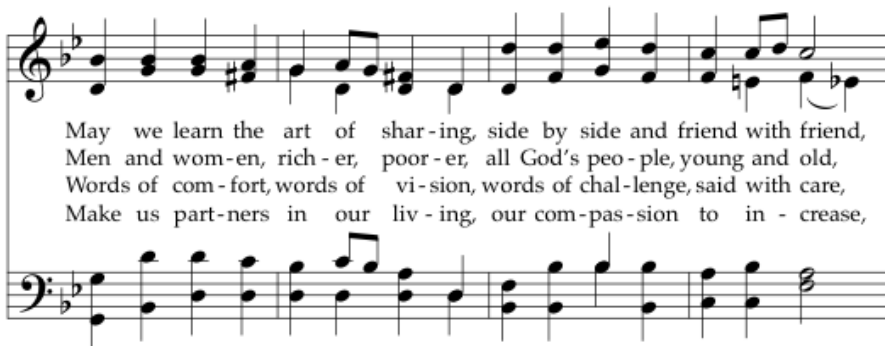
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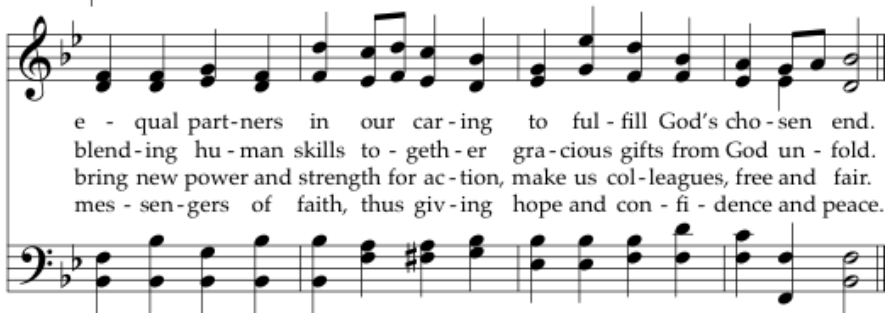
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to- geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

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English Country Songs, 1893

H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985

Arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. To - day we all are called to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord,
2. God made the world and at its birth Or - dained our hu - man race
3. Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down As in a mighty stream,
4. May we in ser - vice to our God Act out the liv - ing Word,

To help to set the cap - tive free, Make plow-share out of sword,
To live as stew - ards of the earth, Re - spond - ing to God's grace.
With righ - teous - ness in field and town To cleanse us and re - deem.
And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.

To feed the hun - gry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,
But we are vain and sad - ly proud, We sow not peace but strife,
For God is long - ing to re - store An earth where con - flicts cease,
As stew - ards of the earth may we Give thanks in one ac - cord

To serve the poor and home - less first, Our ease and com - fort last.
Our dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud That threat - ens all of life.
A world that was cre - at - ed for A har - mo - ny of peace.
To God who calls us all to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

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