

ONLINE WORSHIP MAY 2, 2021

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Introductions and Invitations

Welcome & Welcoming Music

Call to Worship

One: A new day has dawned. God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.

All: Praise God for today! Praise God for the creative spirit in our midst.

One: Be still and know that God is here. Let the Spirit in.

All: We are ready to pray and think and rejoice. We are ready to hear God's word.

One: Then listen and respond to God, who meets us in new ways and in different sounds, today in worship and every day in the world.

All: Come to us, O God, and guide our worship. Speak. Speak to us the Word we need, and let that Word change us and empower us to be your people.

Amen.

Hymn #318 "Christ Is Alive" (v. 1, 2, 5)

Opening Prayer

We praise you, extraordinary God, for the holiness of ordinary things — a gathering of fellow believers, a song of praise, a prayer of thanksgiving, a word, a loaf of bread, a cup, a fountain of water. Send your spirit to rush, cool and clear, through our dry and brittle places. May the spirit seep into the cracks and crevices of our hearts, that we might know you more fully and worship you more deeply. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ (*greet fellow worshipers in the live chat as we sing song #2006* "Lord God Almighty" v. 1 & 3)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children in Ministry Music to Lift Our Spirits Erich Grimm-Schmitt

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

Message: "What Is to Prevent Me?" Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer (we pray for God's guidance as we sing #2038 "Jesus We Adore You")

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer Offering of Gifts (followed by) Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (we read and pray aloud together)

Bountiful God, you fill the poor with good things and cause the hungry to be satisfied. May these gifts be instruments of your grace and may our very lives be the means of spreading your blessings. Make these gifts be for the world a sign of your boundless love and your overflowing abundance. Amen.

Communion

Hymn #370

"Victory in Jesus" (v. 2 & 3)

Benediction

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

All are invited to share in virtual coffee time online via Zoom (may require app download).