



May 11, 2025 – Livestream

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Menuet alla Zingarese
from *String Quartet Op. 20, No. 4*

F.J. Haydn
Haydn String Ensemble

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Glory to God who won the victory over death by raising Jesus from the grave.

People: Glory to Christ who opened the gate to everlasting life.

Leader: Glory to the Spirit who leads us with peace and power.

People: Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heav'n in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heav'nly music, let it ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.

For our Lord empowered us to triumph over ev'ry foe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.

When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.

Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

CHORISTERS' & MOTHERS' ANTHEM

When We Sing

S. Albrecht/J. Althouse
Eric Applegate, piano;
Rosie Jordan, director

If we walk together, will you be my guide?

If we talk to each other, will you show me what's inside?

If we sing together, we'll put our differences aside when we walk, when we talk, when we sing.

If we work together, will you help me grow? I will help you grow.

If we trust in each other, will you show me what you know? I will show you what I know.

If we sing together, we'll share the melodies we know when we work, when we trust, when we sing.

If you're hurt, I'll lend a helping hand.

If you're troubled, I will understand.

If you're fearful, I'll help you to cope.
If you're worried, I can give you hope.
God is our strength; God helps us to heal. Just trust me; God knows how we feel. *Refrain*

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God,
who brought back from the dead our ruler Jesus, the Prince of Peace:
Grant us power to rise with him into new life,
that we may overcome the world with the wisdom of faith,
and in the end, take part in the resurrection of the just. Amen.**

ANTHEM

I Will Rise

arr. C. Courtney/L. Hassler
Men of Cathedral Singers

There's a peace I've come to know though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well."
*Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won, he is risen from the dead.
And I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain,
I will rise on eagle's wings. Before my God fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.*
There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light.
And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes. *Refrain*
And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"
and I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!" I will rise! *Refrain*

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**People: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

Leader: He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**People: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

Leader: Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

**People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Debbie Hinderliter Lewis

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they were shouting with a great roar,
"Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne
and from the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God. ¹² They sang,
“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and strength belong to our God
forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the twenty-four elders asked me, “Who are these who are clothed in white? Where did they come from?” ¹⁴ And I said, “You are the one who knows.”
Then the elder said to me, “These are the ones who died in the great tribulation. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white.

¹⁵ “That is why they stand in front of God’s throne
and serve him day and night in his Temple.
And he who sits on the throne
will give them shelter.

¹⁶ They will never again be hungry or thirsty;
they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun.

¹⁷ For the Lamb on the throne
will be their Shepherd.
He will lead them to springs of life-giving water.
And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #2050

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.

Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

***Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.***

***Mothering Spirit, nurt’ring one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flow’r, until I know.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #162

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING

Menuet

from *String Quartet Op. 20, No. 6*

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*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

SECOND LESSON

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid

her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Raising Dorcas' Daughters

Darren Cushman Wood

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2196

We Walk by Faith

***We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.***

***We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"***

***Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound;
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:***

***That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are, in full and endless sight.***

***We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Christ is Alive

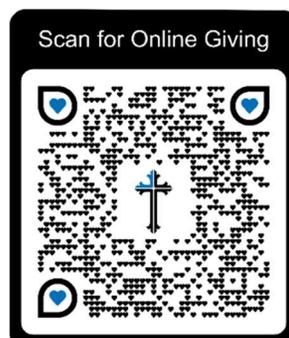
arr. M. Bedford

Haydn String Ensemble

Phil Palermo, Kara Day, violin

Katherine Hershberger, viola

Sam Viguerie, cello



*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God in memory of our beloved mothers, Dorothy Anne Orr and Thelma June Hacker, and in honor of devoted mothers both past and present.
(from the Jerry and Kathleen Hacker family)*

Upcoming Events:

- May 13, "1946" Film Forum, 5:30pm
May 17, MLK Center Block Party, 3:30 – 6:00pm
May 18, Sunday with Handel, 11:00am
May 18, Plant Exchange, 9:30am – 1:00pm
May 18, Trauma and Spirituality Workshop, 5:30pm
June 10, Youth King's Island

Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor
Jill Moffett
Pastor of Community Formation
Brandon Wallace
Minister of Christian Education
James Horton
& Allen McCormack
Audio Visual
Mark Gilgallon
Music Director
Heather Hinton
Organist

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