

Order for Worship

April 15, 2018

GATHERING

Prelude

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Theme)

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Greeting

God is good.

All the time.

And all the time.

God is good.

Call to Worship

The bread of life opens our eyes.

The word of life opens our ears.

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

and by those wounds we are healed.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

*Hymn #236 The Strife Is O'er

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;

the victory of life is won;

the song of triumph has begun.

Alleluia!

2. The powers of death have done their

worst,

but Christ their legions hath dispersed:

let shouts of holy joy outburst.

Alleluia!

3. The three sad days are quickly sped;

Christ rises glorious from the dead:

all glory to our risen Head!

Alleluia!

4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,

from death's dread sting thy servants free,

that we may live, and sing to thee:

Alleluia!

*Prayer of the Day

God of joy, repentance, and comfort, we need you today. As we continue to celebrate the good news of the Resurrection, we remember times when it was hard news to believe. As we come and worship you this day, may we leave our doubts and fears with you, and enter into a time of joy. May we see your love come to life in all we do today. Amen.

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Response: #589 Alleluia, Alleluia**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Now the Lord is risen indeed.

Aleluya, aleluya.

Aleluya, aleluya.

Aleluya, aleluya.

El Señor resucitó.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First reading: Acts 3:12-19

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Chat

Anne (Love) Van Der Karr

Second Reading Luke 24:36b-48

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Sermon

“Called to Witness”

Anne (Love) Van Der Karr

Proclamation:

- 1) The act of proclaiming
- 2) Something proclaimed, especially an official public announcement

Proclaim:

- 1) To announce officially and publicly, declare
- 2) To indicate conspicuously, make plain
- 3) To praise, extol

***Hymn #314 Longing for Light, We Wait In Darkness**

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

**Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

**Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
darkness.**

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. (Refrain)

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

**Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. (Refrain)**

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

**Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. (Refrain)**

5. Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

**Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. (Refrain)**

***A Brief Statement of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Gloria Patri (Hymnal # 581)**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Prayers of the People

Congregational Response(sung): **Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, God of love.**

Offering

Musical Offering

We Sing Alleluia
Chancel Choir

by Tom Shelton

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Sending the Church into Mission

Minute for Stewardship

Ashlea Hume

The Mission of Prospect Church

To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.

*Hymn #450 Be Thou My Vision

**1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2. Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter,
and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power.**

**3. Riches I heed not, nor vain,
empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven,
my treasure thou art.**

**4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Benediction and Congregational Response

**Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won.**

Postlude