

Collenbrook United Church WORSHIP

May 3, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME SONG – *He Has Made Me Glad (sing 2x)*

Leona Von Brethorst

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart; I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!" I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

CHORUS:

He has made me glad, He has made me glad; I will rejoice for He has made me glad

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earliest Christian communities devoted themselves to the teachings and fellowship,

All: to the breaking of bread and prayers.

Leader: We are called to do the same... to gather as one in our different places...

All: devoting ourselves to the teachings and fellowship of the One we follow... the Risen One!

All: Let us worship!

HYMN – "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

1. Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the sharing of our common life is like to that above.
2. Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear, and often for each other flows a sympathizing tear.
4. When we are called to part it gives us inward pain, but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

We gather in our own spaces, yet as one people. We come seeking to be people of resurrection. Be known among us, wherever we are. Grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, your renewing power. Through your Word and Spirit, show us the purpose of our lives both personally and as a community of faith. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

God of all, we are reluctant to share our sharp edges, our broken pieces, our cracked facades. Yet in spite of our hesitation, you know us completely. You know our hearts. You know our actions. You know our inactions. You know our flaws and our strengths. You know everything about us. And you love us still. Forgive all that is about us that is not of you. Forgive all that is within us that falls short of your dream for us. Forgive all that we see within ourselves that is less than and open us to your hope, your promise, your grace and your mercy.

(silence for reflection)

As we breathe in your love, O God, we feel the blessing of your forgiveness, we feel the gift of your healing and we give thanks for your mercy in all times and places. As we receive your forgiveness, may we forgive others around us. May we, too, forgive ourselves in your name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

Acts 2:42—47

MESSAGE “Life Together Differently” The Rev. Melanie Lawrence-Caldwell

HOLY COMMUNION

While we sing our Communion Song, I encourage you to prepare for breaking bread together. Go get something to break and share, bread, a cracker, a tortilla, bagel, muffin... something you can break. And prepare something to drink... juice, wine, tea, coffee... even water. We can share this meal together, even in our separate places.

COMMUNION SONG “Let Us Break Bread Together”

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

**Invitation / Communion Prayer / Breaking the Bread / Receiving God’s Gift
Prayer of Thanksgiving**

A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT GIVING ON WEBSITE OR MAIL

Prayer of dedication: God, bless our gifts... that they may be shared in the spirit of a resurrection people, ever seeking ways to live out our faith in acts of love and service. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG – “We Are One in the Spirit”

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are One in the Lord; We are One in the Spirit, we are One in the Lord; and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

(Chorus)

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will work with each other, we will work side by side; we will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

(Chorus)

3. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

(Chorus)

4. All praise to our God, from whom all things come; and all praise to Christ Jesus God's blessed Son; and all praise to the Spirit who makes us One.

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION

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