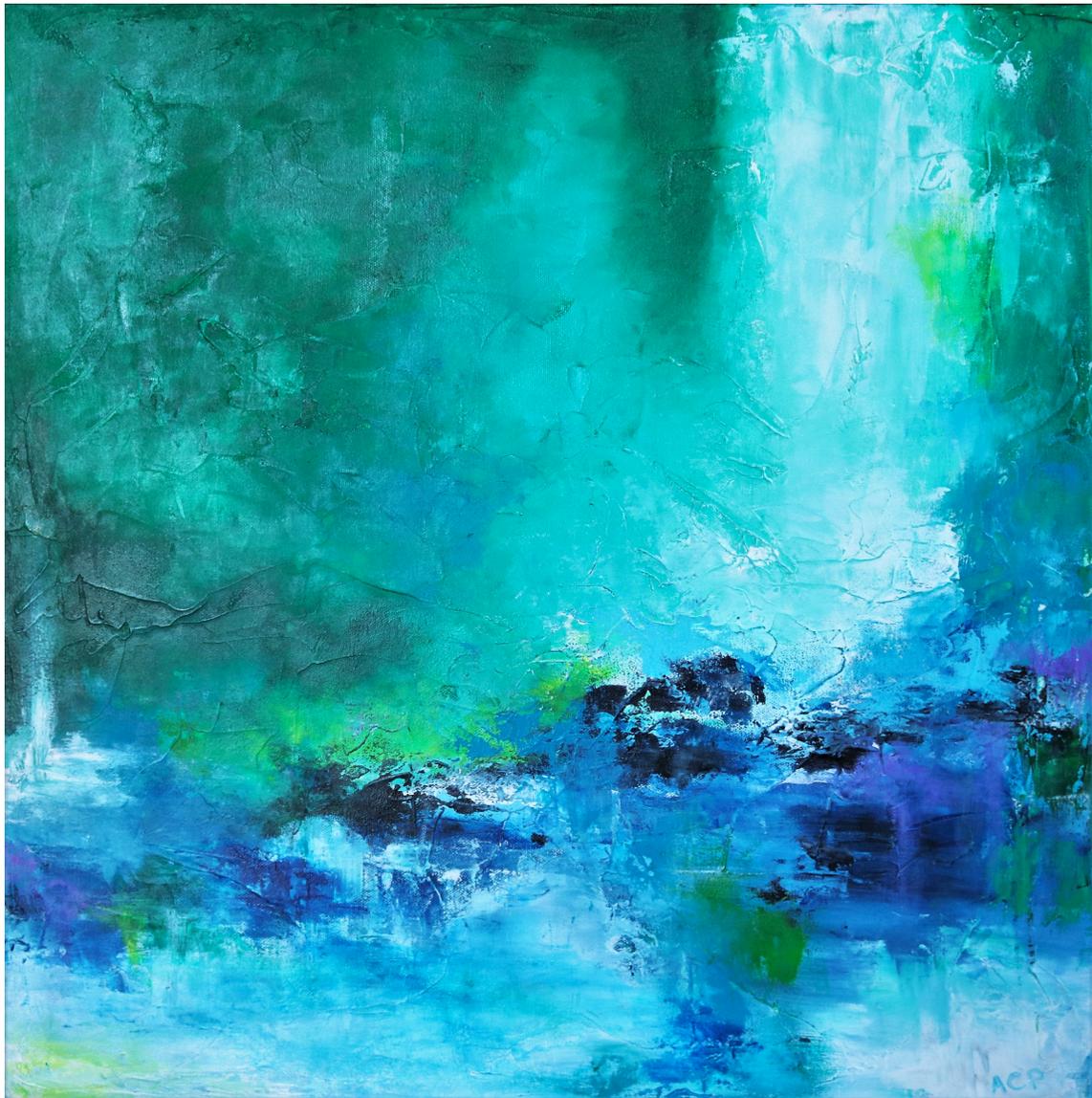




Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022



“Peace” by Amy Provonchee

The Gathering

*The assembly's parts are in **bold type**.*

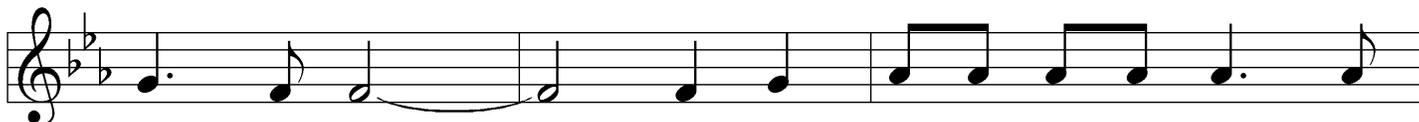
PRELUDE

WELCOME

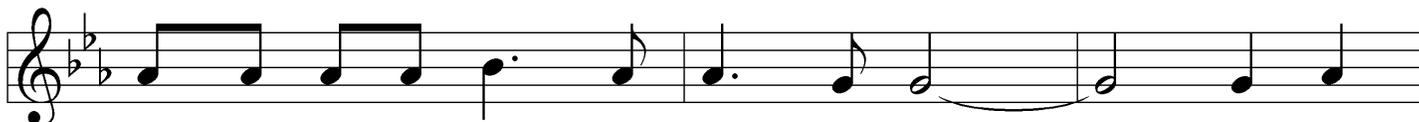
GATHERING SONG **We Have Come into This House**



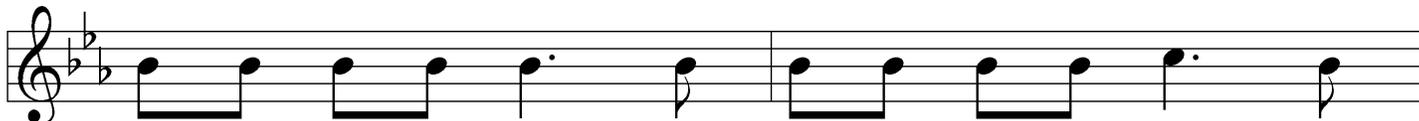
1 We have come in - to this house and gath - ered in his name to
2 So for - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on him and
3 Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy his name and



wor - ship him. We have come in - to this house and
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gath - ered in his name to wor - ship him. We have
con - cen - trate on him and wor - ship him. So for -
mag - ni - fy his name and wor - ship him. Let us



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wor - ship Christ, the Lord; wor - ship him, Christ the Lord.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Word

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

A reading from Acts 16:9-15.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us. When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas to Philippi, which is a leading city in the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

The gospel according to John 14:23-29.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus answered Jude, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

This is the gospel of our Lord.

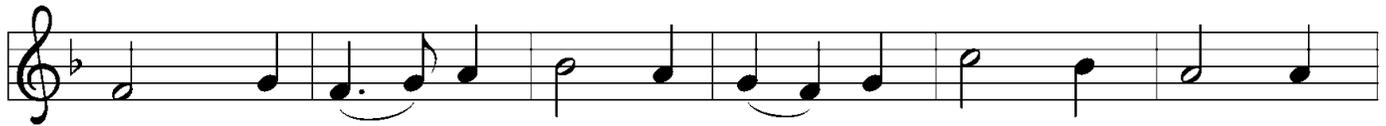
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
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pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give a vision of abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace, especially those we now name out loud or silently in our hearts. *(30 seconds of reflection)* Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people. Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Meal

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, thank you for the gifts you have given us. May these gifts support ministries that bring others into your abundant love. Extend and multiply its reach and influence. May it be a great blessing to many. **Amen.**

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

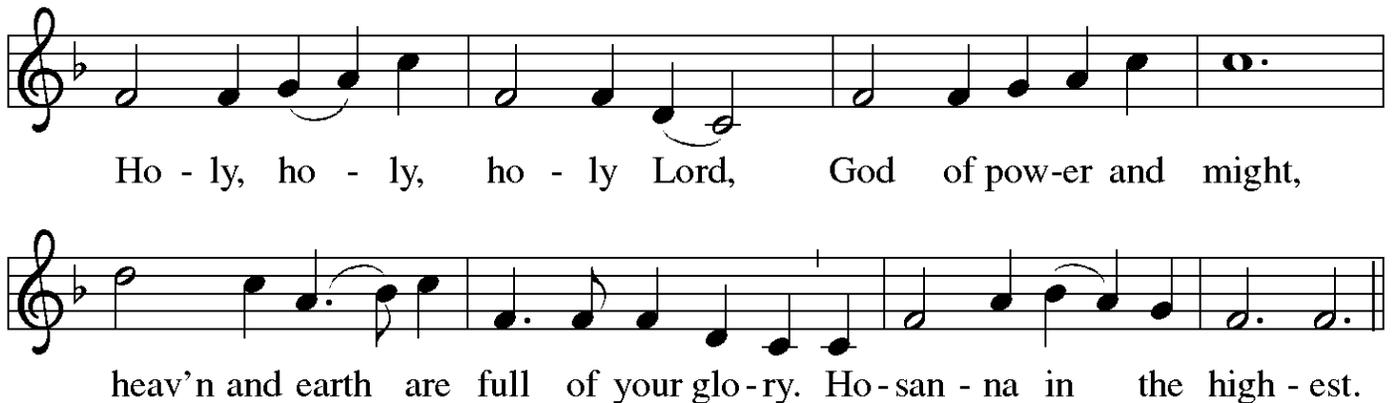
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. Today we feast, praising your name, and joining creation's unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Lift every voice to sing your Easter glory, until the day when all stand before your throne, in eternal communion with one another and with you, ever one God, Parent, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

This is the bread of life. This is the cup of hope. Please join in the feast now.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Sending

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the Holy Spirit of community, ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Vs 1-3,6 ELW 886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 6 To God all glo-ry, praise, and love be now and ev-er given



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Presider/Preacher: Rev. Courtney Geibert Minister of Music: Terry Williams
Pianist: Tony Marriott

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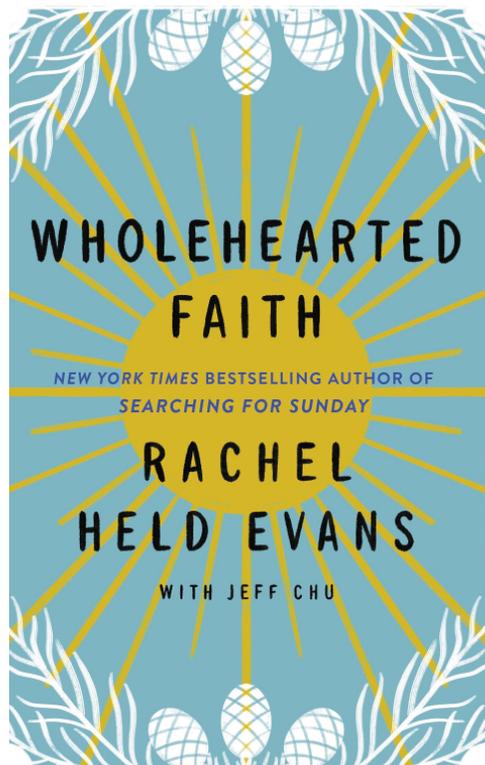
Messiah Happenings

New Member Reception for Rev. Brandon Peck & David Westengard Today!

Stay after the service for a reception to celebrate our new members!

Worship Sundays 10 AM In-Person or on Zoom

Join us in person or online for worship. Masks are recommended but not required for fully vaccinated & boosted people. If you are not vaccinated & boosted, masks are required. Zoom sign-on information is available at the end of this bulletin and on our website, www.messiahredwoodcity.org.



Bible Study Tuesdays at 7 PM on Zoom

We will be reading Rachel Held Evans' *Wholehearted Faith*.

Please read Chapters 5 & 6 (19 pages) before we meet on May 24th!

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Prayer Requests

- ***Richard Schonweitz & Family**, prayers of comfort as they mourn the death of **Lydia Schonweitz**
- ***Cliff Bechtel**, recovery from surgery
- ***Ginger Wilsey**, prayers for healing
- ***Edith Albert**, prayers for healing for health issues
- ***Becky Harris** (Ken Harris' daughter-in-law), prayers for healing
- ***Eli Mayen** ***Kay Mears** ***Christine Price** ***Roberta Thurston** ***Edith Albert**



- May 3 - Dan Shelsta
- May 4 - Ramona Boyd, Nympha Coleman
- May 6 - Mark Mauro
- May 7 - Raya Vincich
- May 11 - Gunnar Sjolund, Roberta Thurston
- May 14 - Atticus Munroe
- May 17 - Bill Holmqvist
- May 20 - Anita Bechtel
- May 21 - Abuon Schulz
- May 22 - Greta Guida

Offerings

To continue with your weekly offering or make a special gift to our ministry, you may send it to Messiah Lutheran Church, 1835 Valota Road Redwood City, CA 94061.

You can also donate online through tithe.ly!

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Zoom Meeting Access

Worship: Sundays at 10 am (Please sign in 5 minutes before the meeting.)

To gain meeting access, go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82833746708>

Phone access: Dial 1-669-900-6833 You will then be directed to dial in the meeting ID #82833746708. After a pause, you will be granted access to the event.