

Prelude: "O Come Down, O Love Divine"

Walter Pelz

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You discern my thoughts from afar.

**You search out my path and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

**Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?**

Let us worship God!

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

**God our protector and comforter, our shield and defender, hear our glad praises as we boast of your goodness. We gather as witnesses to your redeeming graciousness. We worship in response to your encompassing love. The birds start to sing before the sun even rises, proof that you promise the dawn of new life while it is yet dark. Let your light now shine on our darkness, that we may discern your will for us, giving you the honor due to your glorious name.**

Opening Hymn: "We Know That Christ is Raised"

GTG # 485

**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.**

**Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,**

**And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!**

**We share by water in his saving death.**

**Reborn we share with him an Easter life**

**As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!**

**The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.**

**The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.**

**Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!**

**A new creation comes to life and grows**

**As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.**

**The universe, restored and whole, will sing. Alleluia!**

Prayer of Confession

**O God, hear our confession, for we still dwell in darkness. We are afflicted and crushed by a sense of inadequacy. When perplexed, we despair that there may be no hope. Persecution leaves us feeling forsaken. When foes strike us down, we assume we're destroyed. We hear that Christ resides like a treasure within us. Transform our whole being so that we live in that truth.**

Assurance of Pardon

Do not lose heart! God is merciful and just and forgives us our sins. Renounce disgraceful, underhanded ways. Refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word. Be open to the truth of God's graciousness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Confession Response: "Hear the Good News of Salvation" (vs. 2)

GTG # 441

**All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.**

**I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing;**

**Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!**

**How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Sparks

Scripture: Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Sermon: "Here's to the Same Old Same Old"

Scott Cranford

Anthem: "How Can I Keep from Singing"

Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

(refrain) No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.

It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (refrain)

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.

What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. (refrain)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (refrain)

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by The Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: "This Is My Father's World"

GTG # 370

**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.**

Benediction

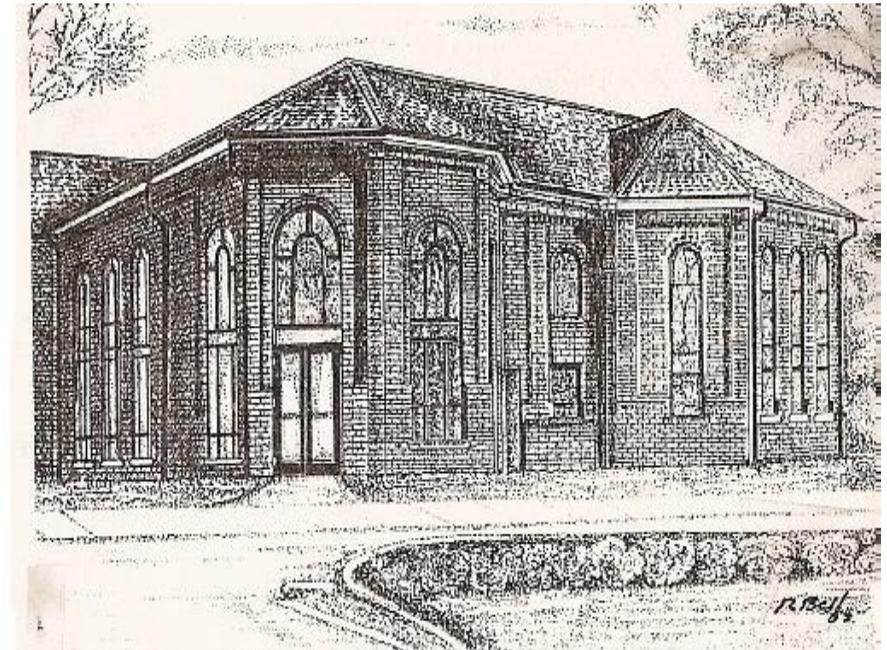
Postlude: "Voluntary in C"

William Boyce

Today, we welcome Frances Whitener as our guest organist today. Frances is a well known musician in our area having served as organist/choir director at Beth Eden Lutheran Church, music specialist at Newton Conover Middle School and High School and as private music teacher. We thank Frances for sharing her gifts with us today while our organist, Susan Strickland, is on vacation.

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