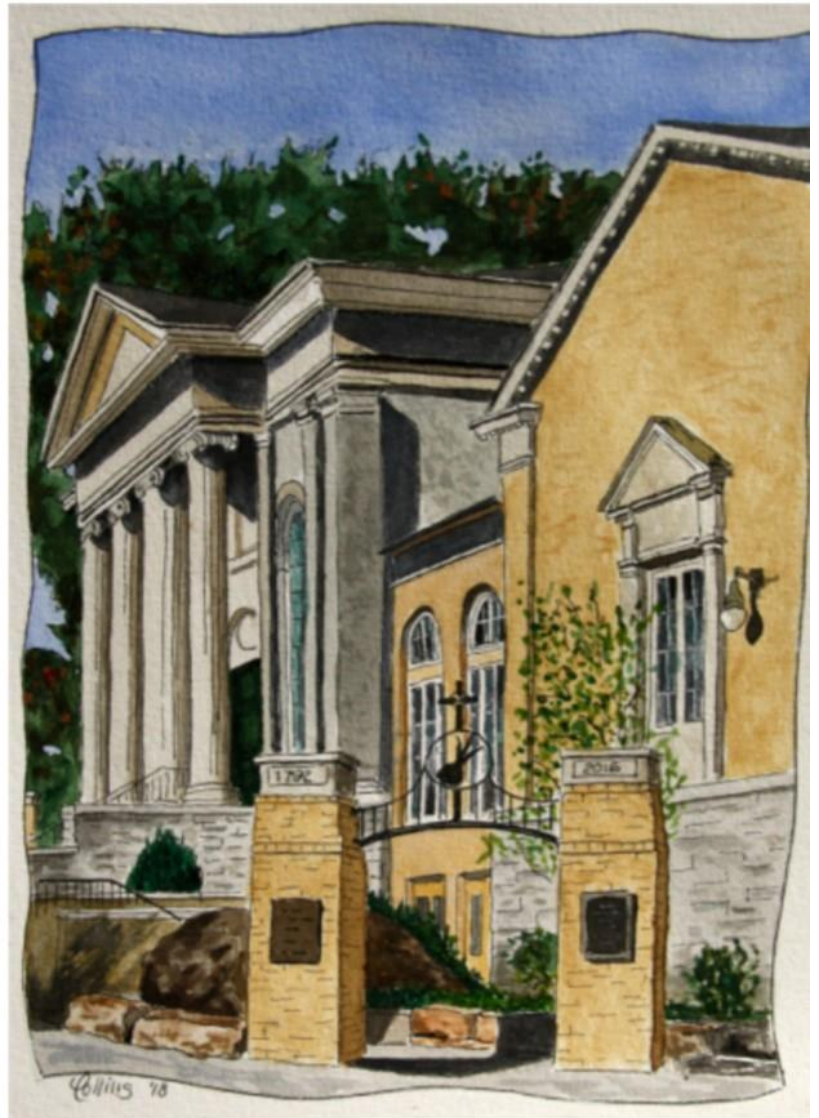




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J. P. Pennoyer, Crucifer
Harper McAdoo, Bible Bearer

ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 1, 2022
✦ **THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✦

PRELUDE

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
Adult Handbell Choir

Arr. Douglas Wagner

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here, we gather in preparation:

**People: calling on God's name;
singing praises to our Creator.**

Leader: Here, we gather in anticipation:

**People: believing that to live is Christ;
to serve other is our calling.**

Leader: Here, we gather in hope:

**People: that God will take away our fears;
that the good news will transform our lives.**

All: Let us worship God!

† OPENING HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, in the light of your glory
we see the wrong we have done,
and the right we have left undone,
the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused,
and the truth we have denied.

Heal us of our sin,
wash us in your mercy,
and feed us with your grace,
so that we may follow your way
and tell the good news of the gospel...
(a moment for silent confession)

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† MUSICAL RESPONSE 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (vs. 1)

Hymn to Joy

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

† MUSICAL RESPONSE 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower (vs. 1)

Promise

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

✧ THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD ✧

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 5:11-14

Jennifer Jones

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

ANTHEM

Worthy is The Lamb

George F. Handel

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honor, glory and power to be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

SERMON

“The Beginning After the End”

Rev. Mark R. Curtis

✠ THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✠

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Meredith Loftis

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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OFFERTORY

Blessing and Glory

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving, blessing and glory be to our God. I heard a voice, heard a great voice saying in heaven Hallelujah unto our God!

† **DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** 606 *Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **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.

† **SENDING HYMN** 826

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

† - *Please stand if you are able.*



HYMNS FOR MAY 1

† OPENING HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

1. Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

† SENDING HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Refrain:

- Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
[Refrain]
2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *[Refrain]*
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. *[Refrain]*
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. *[Refrain]*