

Worship of God in Christ April 30, 2023



"The Flower Vendor (Girl with Lilies)" (1941) by Diego Rivera (1886-1957)

4th Sunday of Easter

Marking of the Hour

Barbara Moore

We mark the hour, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, and centering us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Words

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Prelude – "Fair are the Meadows, Woods, Sun, Moon, Lord Jesus"
(arr. Danner) Barbara Moore

Lighting the Candles

We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is the Light of the world which guides us through life.

Opening the Bible

We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.

Call to Worship Dana Farrar

One: God made a wonderful world.

Many: It's so easy to take it for granted.

One: Today, we will pause and give thanks for all that is good.

Many: We will praise God for the mountains and rivers and

creatures that roam the earth.

One: Today, we will give thanks for truth, beauty, and goodness.

Many: We thank God for loving us and for the chance to love one

another.

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

Many: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Invocation Will Cooke

Greeting Will Cooke

Please take a moment to sign and pass the red booklets found in each row so that we have a record of your presence with us today.

^{*}Hymn – "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Children's Sermon Sheri Owen

Mission Moment - Wonderful World Testimony

Diane Mundell

*Hymn - "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 104:24-34

Tom Farrar

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Morning Prayer and Blessing

Dr. Tennant

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Gospel Lesson - Matthew 6:25-34

Ezra Flaherty

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem - "Psalm 100" (French)

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon – "Lifting One Another Up"

Dr. Tennant

Meditation - "What a Wonderful World"

Barbara Moore

Invitation Dr. Tennant

If you are interested in joining University Baptist Church or speaking with a minister, please come forward as we sing our final hymn.

*Benediction Dr. Tennant

*Postlude – "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (arr. Lowe) Barbara Moore

^{*}Doxology

^{*}Hymn - "Room at the Cross"

^{*} Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God



With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets



This text was written for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women, whose theme, "In the Image of God," is variously considered here as reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing for clarity. The words are well set to an anonymous 19th-century American tune.

we

we'll

move on -

pro - claim

your peo - ple,

your im - age,

as

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ev - ery-where.

ward toward your goal.

Christ

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology



TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551 Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg OLD HUNDREDTH

Room at the Cross

"Whoever comes to me I will never drive away" — John 6:37 NIV



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