

*Coming up in the life of the church:*

May 20                      Craft Group, 10:30am  
May 22                      Bible study resumes, 7pm



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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
ANNIVERSARY & DIVERSITY SUNDAY

May 19, 2019  
Presbyterian Church in Needham

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, let us love one another.

**We love because God first loved us.**

This is our new commandment in Christ:

**As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.**

Let us worship God.

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### WELCOME

#### \*HYMN #461

*God Is Here!*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

## WORSHIP NOTES

#### Serving in this worship this morning:

Liturgist:	Gavin Lin
Preacher:	Rev. Kate Carlisle
Organist & Choir Director:	Dr. JungSun Yoon
Piper:	Hamish Blackman
Gaelic Letor:	Rev. Dr. Susan MacMillan Kains
Counters:	Bob & Sandi VanSickle

\* You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

Welcome to worship at the Presbyterian Church in Needham!

All are welcome here, including and especially children. We invite children to join us up front for a children's message and to join the Sunday school classes, as they are comfortable. They are also welcome at any point in the service to remain with their families or to color at the small table in the front of the sanctuary. We rejoice that we are able to worship God as a multigenerational family. We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. As always, everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to take Communion, you are invited to approach the table with your hand over your heart for a blessing.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. We invite you to partake in Communion by intinction, that, receiving the bread, dipping it in the cup, and eating. Anyone who does not wish to partake is invited to approach the table with hand(s) over their heart, signaling desire for a word of blessing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Here at this table we celebrate resurrection as you feed us with bread and cup. And as much as we might prefer to stay here in this protected place, you send us back to our work— only it is no longer the same work because we know you are with us and in us, shaping and transforming us to be your witnesses in the world. Nourished in body, mind, and spirit, may all that we say and do give you glory. Amen.**

**SENDING**

\*HYMN #210

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

*Goodness is Stronger than Evil*

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours through him who loved us.  
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**THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18 (p. 130, New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6 (p. 259, New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148: Hymn #256

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

SALZBURG

GOSPEL READING: John 12:31-35 (p. 107, New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

\*HYMN #419

REPTON

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Blessing Abound*

P. Choplin

\*DOXOLOGY

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

EASTER HYMN

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are indeed holy, O God of Majesty,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts...

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**