

May 12, 2024

Eastertide: The Challenges of Building Community

Gathering

Call to Worship VT 870

We gather in preparation,

for good news is about to be proclaimed.

We gather in expectation,

for joy is about to break forth in our midst.

We gather in celebration,

For we are people who say

yes to the manger,

yes to the One incarnate for others,

yes to the wholeness of God.

In preparation and expectation, let us celebrate!

VT 352 This Joyful Eastertide

Welcome and Birthday Recognition

VT 11 Mountain of God

Peace Lamp

L: Beloved, let us love one another

P: For God is love, and love casts out fear.

Offering Ourselves and Our Money

Offering - VT 670 In the Bulb There is a Flower

“Mugging” the HS Seniors

Telling God’s Story

Scripture - 1 Cor 15:1-26, 51- 57

L: The stories of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

Children’s Time

Sermon

Sharing our Stories

VT 809 Sing A New World Into Being

Sermon response/Sharing from our lives

Sending

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements

VT 810 Go, My Friends, in Grace

Benediction

Thanks to... Worship Leader: Leon Bauman; Song Leader: Hannah Lehman; Musicians: Patricia Nuyken, Jim Stump, Randy Roth, Jim Kauffmann; Scripture Reader: Anna McVay; Children’s time: Miriam Miller Avelar; Sermon: Stephen Lowe, Pastoral sharing and prayer: Scott Coulter; Tech Crew: Patrick Coonan, Phil Good-Elliott; Visuals: “Untitled Triptych” by Sonya Mateer Rempel.

This Joyful Eastertide

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VRUECHTEN 6,7,6,7 with refrain

F Bb Gm Am F C7 F

1 This joy-ful Eas-ter - tide a - way with sin and sor - row!
 My love, the cru-ci - fied, hath sprung to life this mor - row.
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea-son slum - ber
 till trum-pets east to west shall wake the dead in num - ber.
 3 Death's flood hath lost its chill since Je-sus crossed the riv - er.
 Lov - er of souls, from ill my pass-ing soul de - liv - er.

Refrain C7 Bb G C

Had Christ, who once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day pris - on,

C7 F C

our faith had been in vain. But now hath Christ a - ris - en, a -

F Dm Bb C F Bb F C7 F

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Mountain of God

MOUNTAIN OF GOD - Irregular

1 Come, let us go — to a place that is pure, to
 2 From each cor - ner and — end of the earth, we'll
 3 New life a-waits — for — all who be-lieve; —

learn a - bout love — and wipe a - way tears; — to
 gath - er to - geth - er to sing of your worth, — of
 all who love mer - cy, do jus - tice, walk hum - bly. With

melt swords of steel and hearts made of stone, —
 blind who can see and wea - ry who rest, good
 Christ as our guide u - nit - ed we'll be; —

set pris - 'ners free and give stran - gers a home.
 news for the poor, — free - dom for op - pressed.
 liv - ing the king - dom, se - cure in God's peace.

Refrain

So come, come as you are, oh, come,

from near and far, oh, come, sal - va - tion we'll

taste as we climb the moun - tain of God.



In the Bulb There Is a Flower 670

PROMISE 8.7.8.7 D

F C7

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy.
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

C F

in co - coons, a hid - den pro - mise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
There's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

Bb F/A Gm Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

Bb F Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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809 Sing a New World into Being

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

1 Sing a new world in - to be-ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
 2 Sing a new world in - to be-ing where each gen - der, class, and race
 3 Sing a new world in - to be-ing where the home-less find a home;
 4 Sing a new world in - to be-ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry

Find a tune for si - lent yearn-ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
 brings its rain-bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em-brace;
 where no chil-dren ev - er hun-ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;
 for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;

dream a church where all who wor-ship find their lives and loves be - long. Sing
 where the lines that once di - vid - ed form in - stead the ties that bind. Sing
 where all peo - ple work for jus-tice, where all hate and ven-geance cease. Sing
 when com-pas-sion flows like wa-ters, pour-ing balm for all who grieve. Sing

a new world in - to be-ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
 a new world in - to be-ing: risk trans-form-ing heart and mind!
 a new world in - to be-ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
 a new world in - to be-ing: live the prom-ise you be - lieve!



Go, My Friends, in Grace

BENEDICTUS DEUS 5.6.6.6

1 Go, my friends, in grace, be - neath the
2 Walk, my friends, in peace, with - in this
3 Serve, my friends, in love, your neigh - bors
4 Come a - gain, my friends, to wor - ship

bless - ed sky. Where you go,
fall - en world. Where you walk,
and your foes. Where you serve,
and to pray. When we meet,

God is there, be - neath the bless - ed sky.
God is there, with - in this fall - en world.
God is there, in neigh - bors and in foes.
God is here, Ben - e - dic - tus De - us.*

*Translation: Blessed be God

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.