

EASTER SEASON

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

GATHERING

PIANO PRELUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is the Creator,
and we are the created.

Let us abide in the Creator.

Jesus is the Vine,
and we are the branches.

Let us abide in the Vine.

The Spirit is the Breath,
and we are the body.

Let us abide in the Spirit.

Come, let us worship our Living God!

HYMN 485 | STANDING

We Know That Christ Is Raised

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
we confess that there are places in our lives in need of pruning.
Forgive us when we are rooted in greed,
and make us more generous.
Forgive us when we are rooted in indifference,
and make us more compassionate.
Forgive us when we are rooted in anything that is not of you,
and make us more aware of our baptism.
Forgive us,
weed out anything that causes you, ourselves, and others pain.
and nourish the very roots of who we are with your living water.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

Bless Adonai



Bless A -do- nai,___ my soul. Bless A -do- nai,___ my soul.

Ev -'ry thing_ with-in___ me bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless A - do - nai,___ my soul.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 8:26-40

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

I Am the Vine

I am the vine, you are the branches,
pruned and prepared for all to see.
Abide in me, and I in you,
loving each other as I have loved you;
chosen by me to bear the fruit of heaven.
I am the vine, you are the branches.
If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,
ask what you will, what you desire,
and it shall be done for you.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children (K-6) are dismissed to go to Sunday school following the readings.

SERMON

Connected to the Vine

Rev. Paul Gilmore

SONG OF RESPONSE

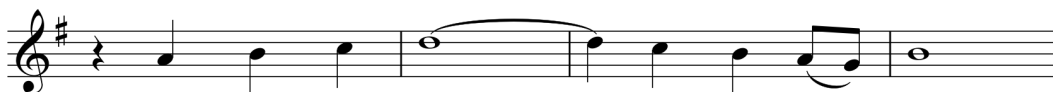
O Blessed Spring



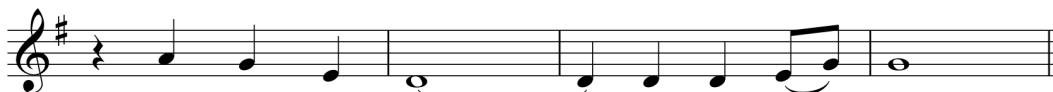
1. O bless - ed spring, _____ where Word and sign
 2. Through sum - mer heat _____ of youth - ful years,
 3. When aut - umn cools _____ and youth is cold,
 4. As win - ter comes, _____ as win - ters must,
 5. Christ, ho - ly Vine; _____ Christ, liv - ing Tree,



em - brace us in - - to Christ the__ Vine:
 un - cer - tain faith, _____ re - bel - lious tears,
 when limbs their heav - y har - vest_ hold,
 we breathe our last, _____ re - turn to__ dust;
 be praised for this _____ blest my - ster - y:



Here Christ en - joins _____ each one to__ be
 sus - tained by Christ's _____ in - fus - ing__ rain,
 then through us, warm, _____ the Christ will__ move
 still held in Christ, _____ our souls take__ wing
 That Word and wat - er thus re - vive



a branch of this _____ life - giv - ing__ tree.
 the boughs will shout _____ for joy a - gain.
 with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 and trust the prom - ise of the__ spring.
 and join us to _____ your Tree of__ Life.

PROFESSION OF FAITH | STANDING

We believe in God,
present in every time, and in every place,
generating and sustaining all life,
nurturing relationship with creation.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
who lived and loved,
taught and died;
who conquered death
and surprises us with grace,
when we least expect or deserve it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who journeys with us and makes our faith possible,
in every situation and every circumstance.

We believe that God is with us
in every time and in every place,
and we are grateful.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

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

There is one Lord,___ There is one faith,___
There is one bap - tis - m___ There is one God. ___
And we are all___ chil - dren of God, ___
born of one same___ Spir - it, ___ Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The final note of the fourth staff is a whole note, followed by a double bar line.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of life...
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER | STANDING

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.

TABLE

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Cavatina
Warren Oja, cello

After the offering, the congregation stands and sings "In the Breaking of the Bread" as the bread and juice are brought forward to the Lord's Table.



1. In the break - ing of the bread, in the shar - ing of the wine,
2. In our wor - ship, in the praise, in our ser - vice, in our prayer,



in the gath - 'ring of our hearts, we are filled with love di - vine.
in the mu - sic that we raise, in the fel - low - ship we share.

At Christ's ta - ble our hearts are fed.
At Christ's ta - ble we find our place.

There is grace in the break - ing of bread.
In the break - ing of bread there is grace.

There is grace in the break - ing of bread. _____
In the break - ing of bread there is grace. _____

INVITATION TO THE TABLE | STANDING

This is the table of our risen Lord -
 where Jesus is both guest and host,
 where the faithful of every time and place gather,
 where strangers are neighbors
 and everyone is welcome.
 Come, when you are fearful,
 to be made new in love.
 Come, when you are doubtful,
 to be made strong in faith.
 Come, when you are regretful,
 to be made whole.
 Whether you have come here often,
 or seldom,
 or this is your first time,
 come and celebrate this holy feast this Easter season,
 because Jesus is here
 and invites us to join him in the banquet.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

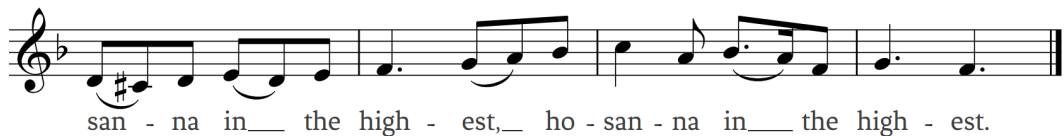
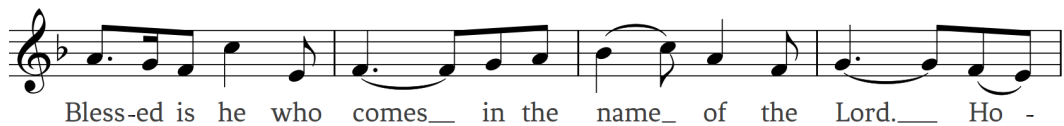
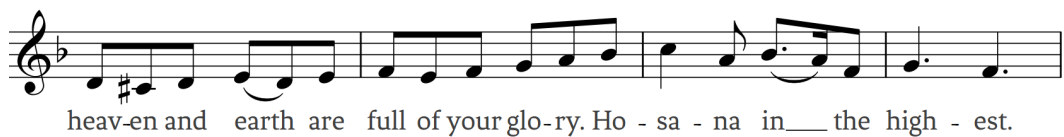
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord -
we praise you for your love:
bringing order out of chaos,
breathing life into dust,
leading captives into freedom,
calling wandering children home,
giving bread to the hungry,
offering drink to the thirsty,
raising the dead to life.

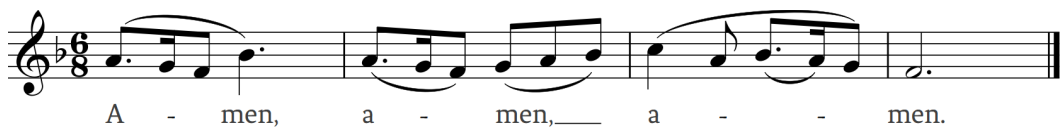


Thank you, O God -
we praise you for Jesus:
Word made flesh,
light of the world,
living water,
shepherd and gate,
true vine,
bread of heaven,
cup of salvation,
resurrection and life.

Take this bread and cup, O God - a feast of grace;
take our hearts lives - an offering of praise.

Holy Spirit, come -
come and live in us:
in this bread,
in this cup,
in your people,
one in the body,
one in the blood;
one with Christ,
one in ministry,
in this place,
in every place;
in this world,
in the world to come.

Blessing and glory,
wisdom and thanksgiving,
honor and power,
forever and ever!



The congregation is seated.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please come forward by the center aisle to receive communion.

*Once you have received, please return by the side aisles,
placing your cups in the baskets provided*

The bread of life ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

The cup of salvation ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

COMMUNION SONG

Taste and See

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord, _____ O taste and see, taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord, _____ of the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God,
in this holy communion
we have tasted your goodness,
and seen your mercy.
As we rise from this table,
help us to live and work for the day
when all tables are filled with your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

SENDING

HYMN | STANDING

Filled With the Spirit's Power



1. Filled with the Spir - it's pow'r, with one ac - cord
2. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
3. Wid - en our love, good Spir - it, to em - brace



the in - fant church con - fessed its ris - en Lord.
that u - ni - ty may be our great de - sire.
the peo - ple of all lands and ev - 'ry race.



O Ho - ly Spir - it, in the church to - day
Give joy and peace, give faith to hear your call,
Like wind and fire, with life a - mong us move,



a - gain your pow'r of fel - low - ship dis - play.
and read - i - ness in each to work for all.
till we are known as Christ's, filled with his love.

CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

RECESSIONAL | STANDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at winnpres.org. Sign up at winnpres.org to receive our weekly email.



OFFERING

- Scan QR code
- Offering plate in worship
- Online at winnpres.org

PANCAKES AND PENTECOST: MAY 19

Mark your calendar! We will celebrate Pentecost with a pancake breakfast on May 19 following worship. The proceeds will help fund our Youth Mission Trip to Minneapolis this summer.

SING IN THE CHOIR NEXT SUNDAY

Calling all singers ... join the choir next Sunday! We will have one rehearsal at 8:45am on Sunday, May 5, and then sing in worship. If you're interested, just let Geoff know, and he'll send you the music ahead of time.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Nancy Holly, Deacons

Lectors: Ken Probst, Barbara Scott

Prayer Leader: Ken Probst

Elements:

Servers: Susan Langan, Marj Steiner,

David Holly, Madeline Weston

Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch,

Shannon McMullen, Warren Oja

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