

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH
Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021 at 10 o'clock



*So, friends, every day do something that won't compute.
Love the Lord. Love the world. Take all you have and be poor.
Love someone who does not deserve it.
Denounce the government and embrace the flag.
Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands.
Give your approval to all you cannot understand.
Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed.
Ask the questions that have no answers...
Practice resurrection.*

Wendell Berry

PRELUDE

Canzona

Louis Vierne

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

One: Though we may be inclined to brag, let us come together with humility.

All: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

One: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words, let us come together with gentleness.

All: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

One: Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience.

All: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

One: Though the world around often encourages hate, let us come together in love.

All: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

One: In humility, gentleness, patience, love and unity,

All: Let us worship the God who calls us together.

HYMN #688

When, in Awe of God's Creation

[Click here to see hymn](#)

Join as you are able!

**When in awe of God's creation, we view earth from outer space,
this mysterious, floating marble strewn with clouds and bathed with grace,
how can we not pause in wonder, seeing earth as one and whole?
As we heal our proud divisions, may earth's healing be our goal.**

Now we face the unknown future, challenged by the work at hand.

Still the God of all creation summons us with one command:

"Love each other!" Will we do it? "Love each other!" Wars might cease!

"Love each other!" Justice follows: "Love each other!" There is peace!

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OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, we boldly pray to you,
confident that you will not reject us.
In spite of our human failings,
your love continues to draw us together.
Be with us today, as we rejoice in the power of your love.
Sing with us today, as we celebrate the unity we share in Christ.
How good a thing it is to live together in peace!
Hallelujah! Amen.

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lauren Dube

ANTHEM

The Solid Rock

arr. Bill Ingram

The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Jessica Berube, director

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Psalm 133](#)

Kelly Munro

SERMON

Risking Unity

Amie Giguere

A TIME OF 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.

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Bill Ingram

The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Jessica Berube, director

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Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN #684

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

[Click here to see hymn](#)

Join as you are able!

**When bodies shiver in the night and, weary, wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears, and war-horns sound their warning,
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor,
that all may have abundant life in one-ness with their neighbor.**

**God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want and fear; life's goodness celebrating,
That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,
that all many have abundant life and peace endure forever.**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata, from the Fifth Organ Symphony

Charles M. Widor