

WEST BERLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1876

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Jordan Family , Liturgists

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6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

GATHERING TIME (10:15 – 10:30 AM) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6145951009>

Dial 929 436 2866 or 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 614 595 1009

WELCOME & PRELUDE

God is Good. **All the time.** & All the time. **God is good.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing to our God a new song.

P: God has done marvelous things!

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

P: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

L: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

P: Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

No. 9

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING

Psalm 47

God's Rule over the Nations

¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. ² For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. ³ He subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet. ⁴ He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. ⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. ⁷ For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. ⁸ God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. ⁹ The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

YOUTH MESSAGE

Up, Up and Away!

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING

Acts 1:1-11 The Promise of the Holy Spirit

¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them

not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The Ascension of Jesus

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "What He Has Begun"

HYMN "Praise Him! Praise Him!" No. 117 (See attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS & CONCERNS – PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – 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.

CALL TO OFFERING - PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – DOXOLOGY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
PREPARATION OF THE ELEMENTS AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN "Now Let Us from This Table Rise" No. 751 (See attached)

CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you joy, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see his face, feel his grace forever.

May the Lord mighty God bless and keep you forever.

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise him for his surpassing greatness. Psalm 150:2

1. Praise Him! Praise Him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er! Sing, O
 2. Praise Him! Praise Him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er! For our
 3. Praise Him! Praise Him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er! Heav'n - ly

earth - His won - der - ful love pro - claim! Hail Him! Hail Him!
 sins He suf - fered, and bled, and died. He, our Rock, our
 por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior,

high - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry; Strength and hon - or give to His
 Hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion - Hail Him! Hail Him! Je - sus, the
 reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er. Crown Him! Crown Him! Proph - et, and

ho - ly name! Like a shep - herd, Je - sus will guard His
 Cru - ci - fied! Sound His prais - es! Je - sus, who bore our
 Priest, and King! Christ is com - ing, o - ver the world vic -

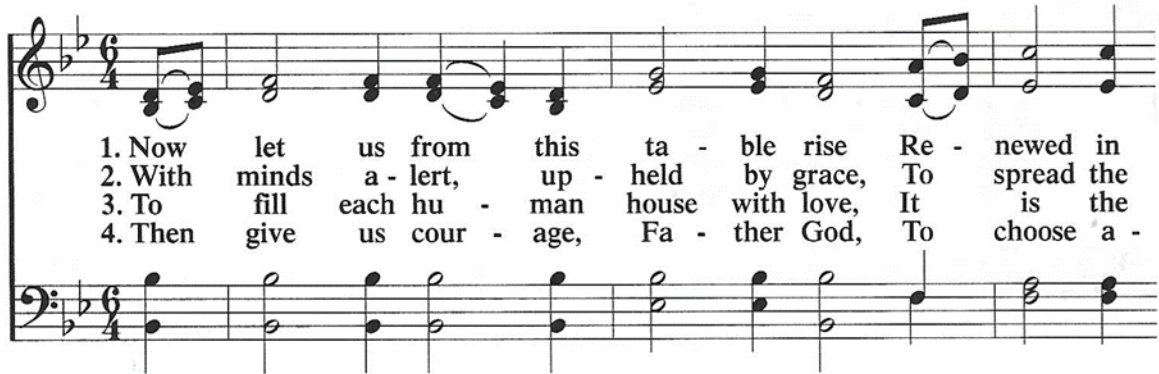
chil - dren; In His arms He car - ries them all day long.
 sor - rows! Love un - bound - ed, won - der - ful, deep, and strong!
 to - ri - ous; Pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long!

Refrain
 Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His ex - cel - lent great - ness.

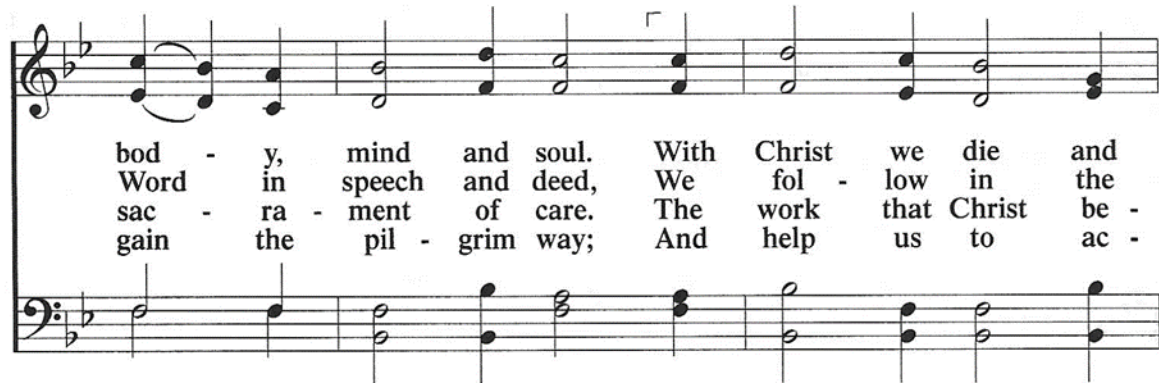
Praise Him! Praise Him ev - er in joy - ful song!

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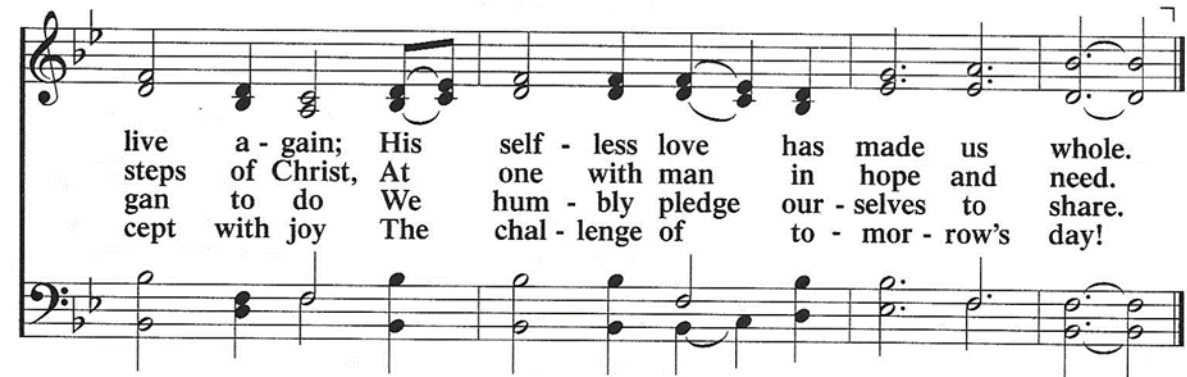
Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:11



1. Now let us from this ta - ble rise Re - newed in
2. With minds a - lert, up - held by grace, To spread the
3. To fill each hu - man house with love, It is the
4. Then give us cour - age, Fa - ther God, To choose a -



bod - y, mind and soul. With Christ we die and
Word in speech and deed, We fol - low in the
sac - ra - ment of care. The work that Christ be -
gain the pil - grim way; And help us to ac -



live a - gain; His self - less love has made us whole.
steps of Christ, At one with man in hope and need.
gan to do We hum - bly pledge our - selves to share.
cept with joy The chal - lenge of to - mor - row's day!