

RESURRECTION STORIES

MAY 9, 2021 10:30 AM

GATHERING

Dignity

Kathleen Wissinger

WELCOME

Kate Fields

Holy God, help us to be present in worship this day even as You are present. Amen.

To greet one another and let us know you are here, please click the 'like' or 'love' button. This will be your virtual hello and good morning! We begin worship by bringing in the light of Christ; we invite you to light a candle at home while we worship together, remembering Christ is with us. In the comments, share your joys and concerns, and prayers will be compiled (please list only first names of those for whom you are requesting prayers).

PRELUDE

Shades of Forest Green

Tim Waugh

†GREETING

**The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song: let our joy be complete!
Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song: love one another!
Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:
no longer servants but friends!
Come, let our worship make a joyful noise, rejoicing in the friendship of God.¹**

†HYMN NO. 152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

FOREST GREEN

**I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.
I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.
There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

†PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this, our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this, our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this, our joyful hymn of praise.
For each perfect gift of thine, to our world so freely given,

graces human and divine, flow'rs of Earth and buds of heav'n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this, our joyful hymn of praise.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:43-11:4, 17

Katie Fitzpatrick

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rewriting Church Rules

Paul Purdue

RESURRECTION STORY

Ingrid McIntyre

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Darren Mayberry Wright

THE 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

*You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in your native tongue and address God, who is beyond gender, with names that speak to your heart: "Our Mother", "Our Creator", "Holy Parent", or other titles that honor God's love, presence, and goodness.

OFFERING

For the Fruit of All Creation

Please register your attendance by clicking the link available at belmontumc.org/worship/about-worship.

You may give online at belmontumc.org, text BELMONT to 73256 to give through text messaging, contact Emily Bowland (emily@belmontumc.org) to set up a bank draft, or mail your offering to the church, Box 120098, Nashville, TN, 37212.

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in Earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

†DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†HYMN NO. 548

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

**In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.**

**In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.**

†**BENEDICTION**

Christ sends us forth: keep my commandments, abide in my love.

We will go forth in peace and justice!

Love one another, go forth to serve:

we will go forth in love!

Share in my mission, bear fruit that will last:

we will go forth as your friends, rejoicing!

Let us go forth in peace to witness to our community and world, that Christ is alive!¹

†**POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune in D

John Stanley

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Eva Fowler by Frankie Leftwich.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS

Robbie Jones, organist

Gayle Sullivan, Director of Music Ministry

Adam Conway, music intern

James Bagwell, Jennifer Bagwell, Anne Browne, Amanda Dembiec,

Katie Fitzpatrick, Mike Graves, Katie Pattullo, Sarah Polett,

Fletcher Sanderson, Susan Starcher, Janet Stewart, Beth Womack, Carillon Ringers

James Bagwell, Jennifer Bagwell, Anne Browne, Adam Conway,

Amy Cooper, Bill Cooper, Amanda Dembiec, Mike Graves, Donna Harrison,

John Kennedy, Allen Miller, Gayle Morin, Katie Pattullo, Erin Pearce,

Anne Pennington, Winona Richey, Maggie Scott, Joel Tellinghuisen,

Anne Trudel, Bruce Williams, Patricia Ward, Sanctuary Choir ensemble

Larry Beasley, Jimmy Bowland, Cindy Caldwell, Mike Graves,

David Henry, Kate Henry, Marty McClearen, Bruce Williams, media team

¹from Friends of God: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, written by the Rev. Susan A. Blain.