

**CENTERING PRAYER**

Emma Bushong

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

**PRELUDE**

*Con Spirito*

Mark Mazzatenta  
Carillon Ringers

**WELCOME**

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day the Lord has made,  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it!**  
This is a day of new beginnings,  
**let us reflect and celebrate!**  
This is a time to come and worship,  
**let us praise God together with our whole hearts!**  
**Amen.**

**†HYMN NO. 610**

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

ENGELBERG

**†PASSING THE PEACE**

**SCRIPTURE**

1 John 4:7-21

Heather Harris

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Total Praise*

Richard Smallwood

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills knowing my help is coming from You.  
Your peace You give me in time of the storm.  
You are the source of my strength. You are the strength of my life.  
I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.

**SERMON**

**Love Can Build a Bridge**

Paul Purdue

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Kate Fields, Keller Hawkins

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**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.**

**BREAKING THE BREAD - SHARING THE CUP**

*As we celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, everyone is invited.  
Offering left on the Communion rail supports Belmont's Opportunity Scholarship Fund.*

**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

†**HYMN NO. 383**

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

BEGINNINGS

**GRADUATE BLESSING**

†**CHORAL BLESSING**

*Wherever You May Go*

Timothy Bushong  
Open Door Singers

Wherever you may go may the wind be at your back  
and may you remember that we will always hold you in our hearts.  
Wherever you may go may the road rise up to you.  
May your every dream come true in this new beginning that now starts.  
And may the sun shine warm upon your face.  
May all your nights and days be filled with every joy.  
And may the rain fall soft upon your fields.  
And may you know it's real: the healing power of love.  
May the Good Lord hold you close wherever you may go.  
Wherever you may go may you know that we still care.  
May you find peace everywhere. May you find a way that you can serve.  
Wherever you may go may you keep your courage strong,  
find the time for art and song and to see the beauty in this world.  
And may the sun shine warm upon your face.  
May all your nights and days be filled with every joy.  
And may the rain fall soft upon your fields.  
And may you know it's real: the healing power of love.  
May the Good Lord hold you close wherever you may go.

†**BENEDICTION**

(from Numbers 6:24-26)

**May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you; may the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.  
Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary on HYFRYDOL*

Henry Coleman  
Robbie Jones, organ

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†You are invited to stand as you are able.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Jim Bradford by Susan Bradford.

**ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS**

Robbie Jones, organist; Sanctuary Choir  
Matthew Webb, Director of Music Ministries  
Don Marler, guest bell conductor  
Diana Sanchez-Bushong, guest choir conductor

Liturgy written/selected by Emma Bushong.

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