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2nd Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia

Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come into this house of worship, come together and praise God as one community of faith.

P: We are devoted to the teachings we have learned through this community of faith. We are blessed to join in prayer and fellowship together.

L: Be inspired by the wonders and signs of God's work that you have seen here and throughout the world.

P: God show us your presence and help us to see the miracles of your work.

L: Let us join together, sharing all of our lives with one another, and let us worship God with joy.

P: We share our hearts with gladness. We worship God in the hopes that we might not only witness God's goodness, but that we might demonstrate it as well!

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 575** (black hymnal)

O, For a World

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious and Redeeming God, we find our lives in you. We are sustained by the body that you have called us to. We find ourselves in awe and amazement over the wonders and miracles that you perform for our benefit. And yet, we do not always devote ourselves fully to you. We hear the call to share all that we have with our brothers and sisters, we hear your call to respond to those among us who are in need, and we do not heed your call. We are glad to receive the goodness that comes from a life in the body of Christ, but sometimes we find ourselves hesitant to return that goodness when it seems hard. We are happy to give freely when it is comfortable to do so, but true sacrifice is a struggle we are too happy to avoid. Forgive us God. Forgive us when we shut ourselves off, and when we keep our best fruits for ourselves. Help us to open our hearts and our eyes to all of your children. Help us to devote ourselves fully to you and to your people. Continue to perform your wonders, but use us as your instruments and not only as recipients. Give us the courage and the strength to live a life in full faith and devotion to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 252 (black hymnal, refrain, v. 1) *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ALL SING: Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care; in your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us yours we are; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

Acts 2: 42-47

HYMN NO. 314 (black hymnal)

Community of Christ

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

Shine on Us
by Smith and Smith, arr. Greer

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hosanna! Praise is Rising!

arr. Labenske

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 28 (black hymnal, v. 3 and refrain)

For the Beauty of the Earth

ALL SING: For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.
God of all to you we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 495** (black hymnal)

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Jubilation

by Handel

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Zyiann and Kingston's 6th birthday. Our little blessings are growing! Love, Mommy and Daddy.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Lana Fritz and Barbara Stebbins' birthdays by their children.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Tamra Strine's birthday by Jeff Strine.

Thank you to the Worship Choir and Jubilation for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Steve, Denee, Ryan, and Jordyn Myers

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

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O for a World

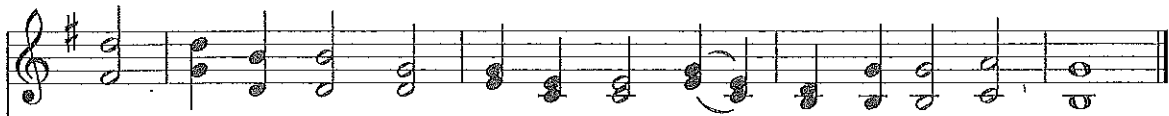
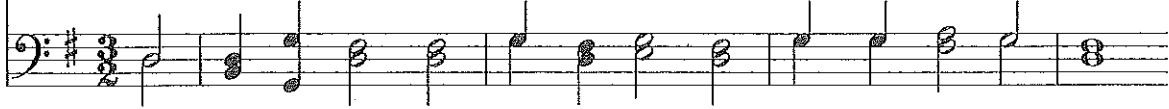
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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

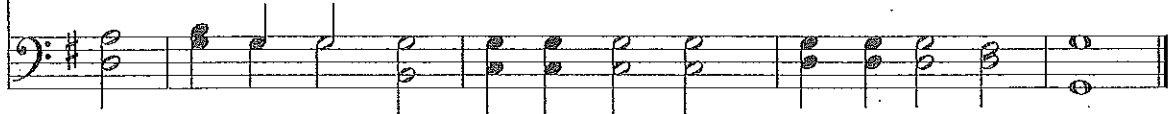
Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

Community of Christ

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Shirley Erena Murray, 1985

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
 2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church's door
 3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
 4 When men-ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,

live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
 and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
 cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world 'round:
 the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;

The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
 Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
 Our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,

whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

Shirley Erena Murray has grown up within the Ecumenical Movement and addresses related themes such as Christian unity and social justice in her hymnody. This text was first sung at the

Tune: LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.
 Traditional Hebrew melody
 Adapt. Murray, 1985

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1855

For another key, see 43, 368