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Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Rejoice in Times of Growth

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Am The Vine and You the Branches

by Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

P: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

L: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

P: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

L: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

P: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

L: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer,
Sustainer.

P: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 433** (black hymnal, see p. 3)

In the Bulb there is a Flower

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

**P: Loving God, whatever you see as self-righteous, censure, as
twisted, straighten, as heartless, soften, as fruitless, prune, as infected,
cleanse.**

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Flood your relentless Spirit through our whole being, sweeping away guilt and its lethargy, and by the saving grace of Christ Jesus, heal the hidden springs of our personality.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2026 (FWS, see p. 4)

Halle, Halle, Halle

ALL SING: I am the resurrection, live in me. I am the way, the truth, follow me. I am the resurrection, live in me. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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

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

Song of Growing by Martin/Nolan

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

John 15: 1-8

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 2076 (FWS, see p. 5)

O Blessed Spring

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 8** (black hymnal, see p. 6)

Praise to the Living God

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

New Faith, New Life

by Clarke

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

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<https://spaciousfaith.com/2011/02/02/wednesday-worship-pieces-3/> and accessed on May 16, 2022.

² The Confession and Forgiveness is written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home Page and adapted with permission. Accessed on May 16, 2022 through Re:Worship Blogspot <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/06/confession-sift-our-thoughts.html>

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In the Bulb There is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth

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Piano ♩ = 80

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the
 2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our

4
 seed, an ap - ple tree; in co - coons, a hid - den
 word and mel - o - dy; there's a dawn for ev - ery
 time, in - fin - i - ty; in our doubt there is be -

7
 prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free! In the
 dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me. From the
 - liev - ing; in our ife, e - ter - ni - ty. In our

10
 cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, un - re -
 past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
 death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry, un - re -

14
 - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Halle Halle Halle

Arr. by John L. Bell

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Piano

$\text{♩} = 80$



1. I am the res - ur-rec - tion live in me,
2. Hal - le, hal - le hal - le - lu - jah!

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I am the way, the truth, fol - low me!
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

9



I am the res - ur-rec - tion live in me, Hal - le -
Hal - le - hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

13



- lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
- lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

O Blessed Spring

Susan Palo Cherwien

Hal Hopson

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. O	bles - ed	spring,	_____	where	Word and	sign	_____
2. Through	sum - mer	heart	_____	and	youth - ful	years,	_____
3. When	au - tumn	cools	_____	and	youth is	cold,	_____
4. As	win - ter	comes,	_____	as	win - ters	must,	_____
5. Christ,	ho - ly	Vine,	_____	Christ,	liv - ing	Tree,	_____

5

_____	em - brace	us	in -	_____	to	Christ the	Vine:	_____
_____	un - cer - tain	faith,	_____	re -	bel - lious	tears,	_____	
_____	when	limbs	their	heav -	y	har - vest	hold,	
_____	we	breathe	our	last,	re -	turn to	dust;	
_____	be	praised	for	this	_____	blest	mys - ter -	y:

9

_____	here	Christ	en -	_____	joins,	_____	each	one	to	be	_____
_____	sus -	tained	by	Christ's	_____	in -	fus -	ing	rain,	_____	
_____	then	through	us	warm,	_____	the	Christ	will	move	_____	
_____	still	held	in	Christ,	_____	our	souls	take	wing	_____	
_____	that	Word	and	wa -	_____	ter	thus	re -	vive	_____	

13

_____	a	branch	of	this	_____	life	giv -	ing	Tree.	_____
_____	the	boughs	will	shout	_____	for	joy	a -	gain.	_____
_____	with	gifts	of	beau -	_____	ty,	wis -	dom,	love.	_____
_____	and	trust	the	prom -	_____	ise	of	the	spring.	_____
_____	and	join	us	to	_____	your	Tree	of	Life.	_____

Praise to the Living God

George J. Elvey, 1868

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Piano 

1. Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
2. Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
3. Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
4. Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

5 

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight; Whose
Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life; Who
shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane. God
- yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love. In

9 

in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting toward God's goal, Till
toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
these tu - mul - tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

13 

- vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.