

Second Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

10 am

Prelude

Intermezzo in A

Adam O'Dell

~Johannes Brahms

Welcome

Call to Worship

Siblings in Christ, come,
let us be present to the God who is already present to us--
who has promised to be with whenever two or three are gathered,
who has said to his people, "I will never leave you nor forsake you,"
and who has said to us, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

I invite you to take a deep breath,
and ask you exhale, breathe out all of your worries, all of your cares--
all those things which are preventing you from being present to God in this place--
and give them over to the One who knows you completely,
whose yoke is easy, and whose burden is light.

And as you breathe in,
remember that God is even closer than the air we breathe.
And this God who is with us is a God of love,
a God of power,
a God of mercy,
a God of justice,
a God of compassion.

Dear friends, God is here.
Let us trust God with each breath that we take,
and worship God with everything we are.

Opening Hymn

Way Maker

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

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Verse 1

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker

Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are **(Repeat)**

Verse 2

You are here, touching ev'ry heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing ev'ry heart
I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

Tag

That is who You are, that is who You are
That is who You are, that is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I can't feel it You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working

Chorus

Tag

(That is who You are)
That is who You are
(That is who You are)
Jesus, that is who You are

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Good and faithful God, thank You for Your promise to be present with us whenever we gather for worship, and thank You that You are working in the world even when we can't see it or feel it. As we bring ourselves to You today, help us to put aside our distractions. Quiet our anxious thoughts. Open our eyes to Your life-giving presence within and around us, so that we might be fully present to You and allow ourselves to be changed by Your grace. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Cara Norris

Anthem

You Are Glorious
Barb Rhodes, Soloist
Stone | Popham | arr. Mauldin

Chancel Singers

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Proclamation and Response

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Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42 (NRSV)

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

The Better Part

Janice Holsonbake

Prayers of the People

Joys & Concerns

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.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Closing Song

One Pure and Holy Passion

Mark Altrogge

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Verse

Give me one pure and holy passion
Give me one magnificent obsession
Jesus give me one glorious ambition for my life
To know and follow hard after You

Chorus

To know and follow hard after You
To grow as Your disciple in Your truth
This world is empty pale and poor
Compared to knowing You my Lord
Lead me on and I will run after You

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Ending

Lead me on and I will run after You
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Sending Forth

Celebration of Faithful Service

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Announcements

Blood Drive – CANCELLED

RUMNS Open registration for 2021/2022 School year

Benediction

Postlude

Thy Hand, O God, Has Guided
~ Charles Callahan

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