



Our Vision

*is to be Christ to each other and our
community – doing justice, loving mercy
and walking humbly with our God.*

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Lord's Day

April 25, 2021

The Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Finnish Hymn Melody
arr. Cathy DeRousse

In Heavenly Love Abiding
Marcia Harris, organ

As the candles are lighted, we celebrate the presence of Christ, who is the Light.

The Passing of the Peace

The Hymn of Praise, No. 281

BEECHER

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, o breathe thy loving spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.

Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:

changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Pastoral Prayer

Matt Johnson

The New Testament Reading

Daisy Evans

Acts 4:5-12; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Children's Lesson

Barbara Jean Callaway

The Epistle Reading

Matt Johnson

1 John 3:16-24; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Matt Johnson

What Does Love Mean?

Love Means... Acting

The Offertory Prayer

Marcia Harris

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music

Sydney Carter

Lord of the Dance

Lonnie Myers, baritone and guitar

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down to heaven and I dance on the earth,
At Bethlehem, I had my birth.

*Refrain: Dance then wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance said he,
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance said he.*

I danced for the Scribes and the Pharisees,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me,
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,
They came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame,
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,
It's hard to dance with the world on your back,
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on. *Refrain*

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die,
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance said he. *Refrain*

The Doxology

OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Hymn of Response, No. 600

PATRICIA

O How He Loves You and Me

O how he loves you and me.
O how he loves you and me:
He gave his life, what more could he give?
O how he loves you:
O how he loves me:
O how he loves you and me! *Repeat*

The Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

arr. Cindy Berry

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
Marcia Harris, piano

As we prepare for service, the Light of Christ goes out before us.

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Fernwood will hold in person services beginning, **Sunday, May 2.**
All COVID precautions will be observed.

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