

# Order of Worship

## Virtual Edition

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

The liturgical color is white celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*We lift up prayers for the community, our church family, staff, ministers,  
and for the work of Christ in the world.*

**Opening Praise**

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

**Opening Hymn**

“Come Christians Join to Sing”

Norman McQueen

**Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Meredith M. Dark

**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.**

**Hymn Medley**

“Gather Us In”

Norman McQueen

“We Gather Together”

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*(Words may be found on the following page.)*

**Children's Sermon**

Julia Brooks

**Sermon Text**

Acts 2:42-47

**Anthem**

“The Way”

Grant Nesmith  
Nell Ciaccio

**Sermon**

“What a Church!”

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle  
Rev. Meredith M. Dark

**Hymn of Response**

“Let the Church Rise”

Grant Nesmith  
Nell Ciaccio

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**Benediction**

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### Assisting in Worship

**Video** | Jim Lewis    **Audio** | Melinda Morgan

*Hymn Medley (words)*

**“Gather Us In”**

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**“We Gather Together”**

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;  
sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! [Refrain]*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
*[Refrain]*

**“Let the Church Rise”**

We are alive filled with Your glorious life  
Out of the dark into Your marvelous light  
We are waiting with expectations, Spirit raise us up with You

*Let the church rise from the ashes  
Let the church fall to her knees  
Let us be light in the darkness  
Let the church rise, let the church rise [Refrain]*

Moving with power bringing Your name to the earth  
Singing Your praise lifting up glorious songs  
We are moving with His compassion, Spirit fill our hearts with You  
*[Refrain]*

Let Your wind blow, let Your wind blow  
Let Your wind blow revive us again Lord *(4 times)*  
*[Refrain] twice*

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Thank you to Norman McQueen, D. Scott Ferguson, Grant Nesmith, and Nell Ciaccio for sharing their gifts of music today.

This service will post Sunday on Facebook at 8:30AM and 11:00AM. Other viewing options include the website ([www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org)), the First Church mobile app, or FOX TV channel 7 (ch 43-1 antenna) every Sunday at 10:00AM.