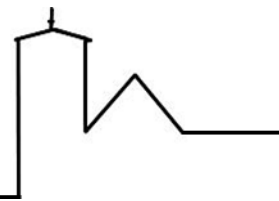


7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Organ Motet on King's Weston

John Hebden Schaffner

Declamation: King's Weston

Craig Phillips

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, when you went out before your people and marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked,

The heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, and the God of Israel.

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling there; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 148

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we cling to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you would have us be. We offer all our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE Hymn 565

Lord, Have Mercy

John Weaver

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*RESPONSIVE*)

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.

Yes, everything is for your sake so that, as grace extends to more and more people, thanksgiving may increase, bringing honor to God.

Believe the promise of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

GLORIA

GLORIA Hymn 567

Glory to the Father

John Weaver

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7

***PSALM 68** **Come like Driving Wind, O God** *Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland*
(see insert)

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: **"Still in the World"** **Anni Reinking**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 360 **Hope of the World** *Donne Secours*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON) *(United Church of Canada)*

We are not alone. We live in God's world.

We believe in God, who has created and is creating,

Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

To reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others,

To seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

Our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC **With a Voice of Singing** *Martin Shaw*

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of His name,
make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!



SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy... Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (singing together, Hymn 571)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 111

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

Gelobt Sei Gott

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tocatta on Gelobt Sei Gott

Brian Solomons

Leading in worship today:

Anni Reinking

Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · Kate Kortemeier, alto

David Kortemeier, bass · Dan Stanley, tenor

Rebekah Dentino, soprano



Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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