St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Meditation

Here is the commandment...love one another!

Here is the commandment...love the planet that sustains us.

Let this love flow through the ordinary and the miraculous as we help bring into being the kin-dom of God, renewing the world. So be it. Amen.

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude Preludium N 1 J. S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: In the beginning was the Dream.

All: And the Dream was with God and spoke for peace.

One: In the beginning was the Dream.

All: And the Dream was with God and spoke for justice.

One: In the beginning was the Dream.

All: And the Dream was with God and longed for love.

We come to worship the God of the Dream in a spirit of peace, justice, and love, longing to glimpse the promise of a holy dwelling place for all creation.

Opening Hymn #300 We Are One in the Spirit

Call to Reconciliation

One: We show others who we are by the lives we lead, the words we speak, the actions we undertake. Let us confess how we have fallen short when we fail to love as we have been loved.

Prayer of Confession

All: Who are we to get in your way, Holy God? We put people into neat, little boxes, but you rip the boxes open, so folks can dance in your joy. We imprison others with our unmet expectations, and you set them free with your Word. We build walls around those we don't know, and you tear them down, so they can run

wild in the kingdom.

Who are we to get in your way, Saving Power, especially in the way of your forgiveness offered to all! Give us your vision that sees everyone as equal - forgiven, graced, loved - as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayers

Response #551 Lord, Have Mercy

Assurance of Pardon

One: Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

Passing of Christ's Peace

One: The peace of Christ always be with you.

All: And also with you.

Response #243 Be Not Afraid

Proclaiming the Word

Conversation With Young Disciples

Joe Woodworth

Prayer for Illumination

One: God, we come to hear your word, so you may speak through us.

First Reading John 13:31-35 Pew Bible, p.877

Anthem Go Out With Joy Hank Beebe

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6 Pew Bible, p.1007-8

Sermon Dream Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith:

from A Brief Statement of Faith

All: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, all genders, of every race and people, to live as one community.

Hymn #383 Dream On, Dream On

Honoring All Graduates

Mission Focus Race Amity Connie Knudsen

Invitation to the Offering

One: May our treasure and service join with that of others, to gently change our world into a place where all serve, and all are served.

Offertory Mazurka op. 68 no. 2 F. Chopin

Response #240, verse 4 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Prayer of Dedication

All: Let Love be our offering.
Let Love be our giving.
Let Love be our dedication.
Let Love be our calling.
Let Love be our thanksgiving.
Let Love be our prayer.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: Loving God, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and 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.

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

Closing Hymn #250 In the Bulb There is a Flower

Matters of Community

Postlude Prelude No.16 in D flat Major R. Vandall

Charge and Benediction

One: And may all the people say:

All: Alleluia, Amen!

Resources Used:

Lectionary Liturgies: Liturgy with communion for May 19, 2019 (Easter 5 - C)*y* Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement Easter 5C – May 18 - United Church of Christ

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Go Out With Joy, Hank Beebe, K.M. Music, 1975. The ringing of Bells, Lani Smith, The Solid Rock, Michael Wilson, Lorenz Publishing, 2007. Preludium N 1 from WTK, J. S. Bach, Henle, 1974. Mazurka op. 68 no. 2, F. Chopin, Schirmer, 1967. Prelude No. 16 in D flat Major, R. Vandall, Alfred, 2004.

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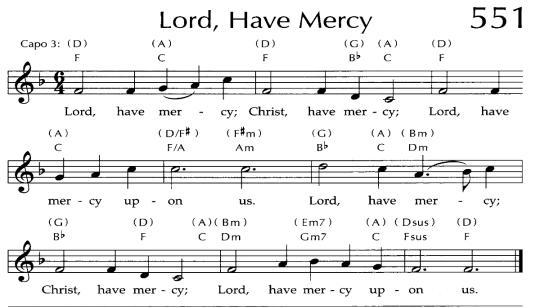
We Are One in the Spirit

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They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984 Music Arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc. LAND OF REST



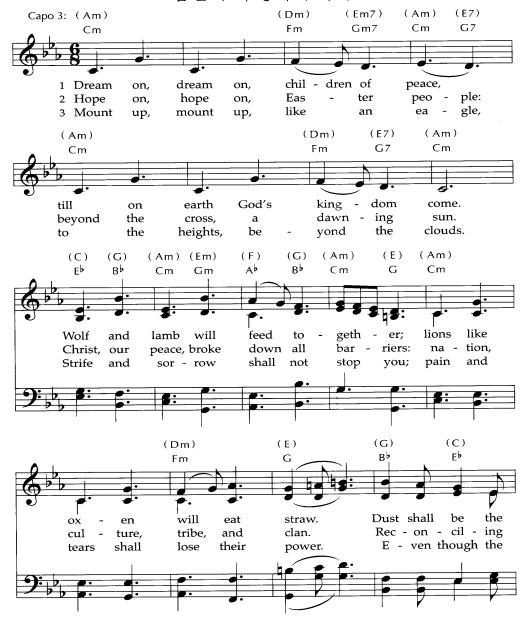
Intended for repeated singing like other chants from the Taizé Community, this text began in Czech as "Nebojte se." The English version uses the language of the angel's greeting to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary," who went to Jesus' tomb on Easter morning (Matthew 28:5–6).

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1998 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1998 Text and Music © 1998 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

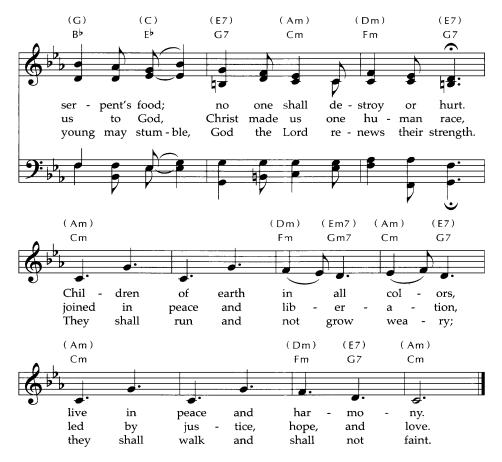
BE NOT AFRAID

383 Dream On, Dream On

꿈을 꾸세 평화의 자녀



This future-oriented Korean text draws on the promises of a number of biblical passages. The first stanza is based primarily on Isaiah 11:6–9. The second stanza includes references to Ephesians 2:14–16 and Colossians 1:20, while the third stanza uses the images of Isaiah 40:29–31.



KOREAN

- 1 꿈을 꾸세 평화의 자녀 주의 나라 이르도록 양과 늑대 함-께 놀--고 사자들도 풀-을 뜯으며 독사들도 흙을 먹고 상처주지 않는곳 서로 다른 모-든 백-성 평화롭게 살리라
- 2 소망하세 부활의 자녀 어둠후에 아침오리 평화주신 구-주 예--수 우리장벽 모-두 허무사 하나님과 화목하며 하나되게 하셨네 정의평화 자-유 주-신 참된 소망 주예수
- 3 올라가세 독수리같이 구름너머 하늘높이 슬픔근심 사-라지--고 눈물고통 모-두 이기리 피곤하여 넘어져도 주가 새 힘 주시리 걸어가세 달-려가-세 쓰러지지 않으리

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks



This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

In the Bulb There is a Flower

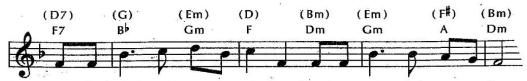
Hymn of Promise



- the bulb there is a flow er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree; 1 In
- 2 There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o-dy;
- is our be-gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i-ty; our end 3 In



a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter-flies will soon be free! co - coons, you and me. there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



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



un - re-vealed un - til its sea - son, some-thing God a - lone can

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning." Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.