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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 26, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

11:00 am

(*) *You're invited to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Lisa Shoemaker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Caitlin Culp

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Hear the good news! The Lord is alive!

All: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

One: The risen Lord calls us to new life.

All: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

One: We spring alive in joy to worship our Lord God.

All: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

***OPENING HYMN #515**

I Come with Joy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Risen Lord, while we proclaim your victory over sin and death, we confess the heavy sins we carry. We sing, "Alleluia," but we have abandoned you and one another. We shout, "He is risen," but we fail to love like you love us. Forgive us. Loosen our reliance on violent patterns and free us for joyful belonging, that the story of your resurrection might bring us to life. Turn our hearts and hands to your work of justice, joy, and stubborn hope...*silent prayer.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE #582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

One: May the love and peace of Christ be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

ANTHEM

This is My Father's World arr. Stan Pethel

Covenant Choir

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Paul Vogel

FIRST SCRIPTURE

John 10:1-10

Paul Vogel

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-27

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SERMON

“The Acts 2 Church: Sprung Alive”

Caitlin Culp

*HYMN #300

We Are One in the Spirit

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

from the Book of Common Worship

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Prayer requests are listed in the bulletin. You’re invited to share prayer requests aloud.

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #607

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #541

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Morning Has Broken arr. Lloyd Larson

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. The Usher is Stan Fetter. The liturgist is Paul Vogel. Coffee Hour is hosted by Joan McDermott. The worship service is recorded and available on YouTube and the church’s website.

Large print hymn books, individual seat cushions, and children’s activity packets are available from the usher at the entrance. Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for all parts of the worship service. There is also childcare available in the room off the front of the sanctuary.

Bathrooms are located outside of the sanctuary to the right, through the narthex, and up the small set of stairs in the foyer. A diaper changing station is in the “Teen Lounge,” which is past the bathrooms, through the double doors, on the left past the library. An ADA-accessible bathroom is located in the fellowship hall. To access the fellowship hall without stairs, drive around to the parking lot and enter through the double doors.

PRAYER LIST

Almighty God, we pray for our world and our church.

Kevin, son-in-law of Gloria's cousin, who faces a diagnosis of terminal brain cancer.

Gregory, son of Sherry, who continues to face Parkinson's, and his family who cares for him.

Prayers for **peace in the Middle East**; for **cessation of hostilities between Israel, Iran, & USA**.

Lola

Othow and his ministry in South Sudan.

**If you have prayer requests you'd like added to this list, email covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com.
Prayers remain on this list for two weeks unless we hear otherwise.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Morning Walk** - Sunday, April 26th, 8:30am-9:00am, *Potomac Overlook Regional Park*
- **Mission & Outreach Team Mtg** - Monday, April 27th, 7:30pm, *Zoom*
- **Worship & CE Team Mtg** - Tuesday, April 28th, 7:30pm, *Zoom*
- **Older Adult Sunday** - May 3rd, 11am worship celebrating all older adults, especially those at Covenant who are in their 90s
- Summer Worship begins Sunday, May 31st. **Summer worship will be at 10am**. We'll worship at 10am through Rally Day, Sunday, September 13th.
- To receive church emails, email covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

MMQB Men's Group, Mondays, 10am
Bible Study, Tuesdays, 10am, Zoom
Choir Rehearsal, Wednesdays, 11:30am, Fellowship Hall
Devotional Time, Thursdays, 12pm, Zoom
Godly Play, Sundays, 10am, Godly Play Room
Choir Rehearsal, Sundays 9:45am, Sanctuary
Worship, Sundays, 11am, Sanctuary, Zoom



I Come with Joy

515

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
 F B^b C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)
 Csus Cm B^b Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)
 Gm F/A B^b C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
 Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
 Bbm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
 Bbm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
 Db Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
 Bbm Fm Bbm Cm Fm Bbm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians 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.

God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541

Unison *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.