



# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

## *Church Music Sunday*

University Lutheran Church  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
May 5, 2024  
10:30 a.m.

## PRELUDE MUSIC

Intrade and Sarabande from *Fünff-Stimmigte blasende* by Johann Christoph Pezel (1639–1694), edited by Robert King

*Brass Quintet: Ali Lauer, trumpet; Karen Sudbey, trumpet; Bob Berens, horn; Rick Ong, trombone; Laura Tracey, tuba*

Sonata in C Major: Cantabile; Allegro; Grave; Vivace — Georg Philipp Telemann (1681–1767)

*Maria Hedberg, flute; Imogene Stulken, organ*

“Wondrous Love” — Tune from William Walker’s *Southern Harmony* (1835); arranged by Alice Parker (1925–2023) and Robert Shaw (1916–1999)

*Lorraine Fitzmaurice and the UniLu Choir*

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” — Text by Isaac Watts (1674–1748) (see ELW 803); tune by Lowell Mason (1792–1872), arranged by Kent Baker

*Brass Quintet: Ali Lauer, trumpet; Karen Sudbey, trumpet; Bob Berens, horn; Rick Ong, trombone; Laura Tracey, tuba*

## GATHERING

### BELL AND WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## THANKSGIVING FOR MUSIC

For the music of the spheres, for the morning stars singing together, for the joyful shouts of all the heavenly beings [Job 38:7], for the angels and the living creatures singing before the throne of God [Revelation 7:11-12], for music of exquisite beauty that moves us to tears:

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For sopranos—and for sousaphones, saxophones, sackbuts, shawms, and shekeres; for mezzos—and for mbiras, marimbas, maracas, and metallophones; for seas that roar, for rivers that clap and hills that ring out [Psalm 98:7-8], for birds that sing.

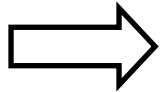
**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For altos—and for accordions and autoharps; for contraltos and countertenors—and for clarinets, cornets, castanets, celestas, cymbals, and cellos; for choirs and their conductors and directors; for composers and arrangers; for hymn writers, who give us text and tune:

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For tenors—and for theorbos, timpani, triangles, trumpets, trombones, tambourines, and tubas; for baritones and basses—and for basset horns, bassoons, bagpipes, and mixing-bowl bells; for voices, violins, violas, and vielles; for symphonies and bands, for organs and horns:

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**



For patrons of the arts and piano tuners; for transposers, transcribers, and improvisers; for editors and publishers; for the adaptability of artists and their creativity with new forms of music-making; for recording studios; for livestream, videos, and virtual concerts:

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For four-part harmony and Gregorian chant; for call and response, for canons and rounds, for spirituals, for songs of exaltation and praise; for the hymn sung by Jesus and the disciples after the last supper and before going out into the night of betrayal and desertion [Mark 14:26];

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For this gift of music, which, next to the word of God, deserves the highest praise [Martin Luther]; for a means to express that which seems inexpressible; for the rests in between the notes; and for the sound of sheer silence [1 Kings 19:12]:

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

But when we cannot sing the LORD's song in a strange land [Psalm 137:4], when we have hung up our harps and wept [Psalm 137:2], when we are imprisoned, when we are overcome with grief, then: For songs without words and songs of protest, for singing and making melody in our hearts [Ephesians 5:19], for keening and wailing, and for laments and for requiems:

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

## PRAYER FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS

O God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship: Pour out your Spirit on your servants who, with the gifts of music, enliven our praises and proclaim your word with power. Through this ministry give us new awareness of your beauty and grace, and join our voices with all the choirs of heaven, both now and forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



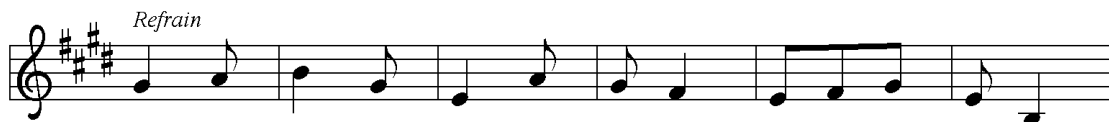
# GATHERING HYMN ACS 1028 “God, We Gather as Your People”

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE “Now the Feast and Celebration”



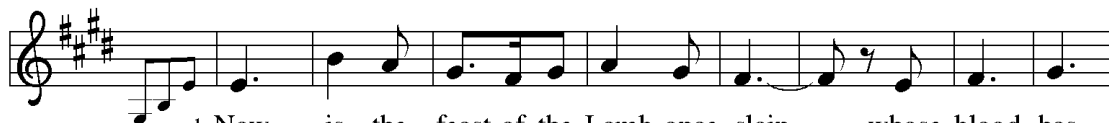
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING Acts 10:44–48

A reading from Acts.

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The believers from among the Jewish people who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So Peter ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM Psalm 98

*The congregation and choir chant the response and verses; the response is sung at the beginning and when indicated below.*

#### Response

Bruce Brolsma

Shout with joy to the Lord,  
all you lands; lift up your voice, and re-joyce, shout and sing!





- <sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- <sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.
- <sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the | house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- <sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. **Response**
- <sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD| with the harp,  
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- <sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound | of the horn  
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.
- <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- <sup>8</sup>Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
who comes to | judge the earth.
- <sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity. **Response**

## SECOND READING 1 John 5:1–6

A reading from 1 John.

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey God's commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey the commandments of God, which are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Celtic Alleluia”

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL John 15:9–17

The holy gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in my Father’s love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** *Carrie Ballenger*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ACS 1040 “Love Has Brought Us Here Together”

## **NICENE CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father,  
through whom all things were made;**

**who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made human;**

**who, for our sake, was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
suffered death and was buried;  
on the third day rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
who will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead;  
and whose kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Individuals will be invited to offer prayers aloud or write them in the book found at the entrance to the Sanctuary. For those worshipping via Zoom: Prayers may also be typed in the chat box to be read by the intercessor.*

Let us pray for the life of the world, the intentions of all the faithful, and for any in sorrow or need.

*Each prayer petition may be concluded with one of these (or similar) responses:*

God, in your mercy,            or        Bless we the Holy One!  
**Hear our prayer.**                                **Thanks be to God!**

Into your care, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, the Beloved. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## MEAL

**OFFERTORY** “Cantate Domino” — Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657–1743)

*Translation:*

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
God’s praise in the assembly of the saints.  
Let Israel rejoice in the One who made them,  
And the people of Zion rejoice in their king.

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## OFFERTORY HYMN

### As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

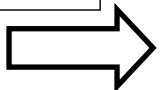
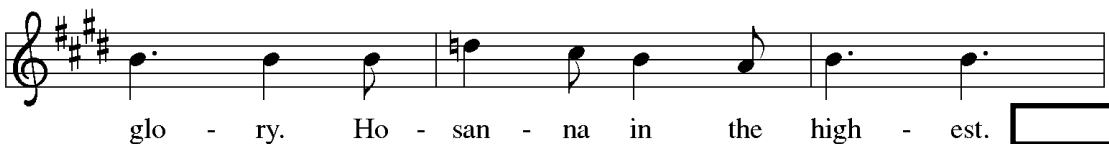
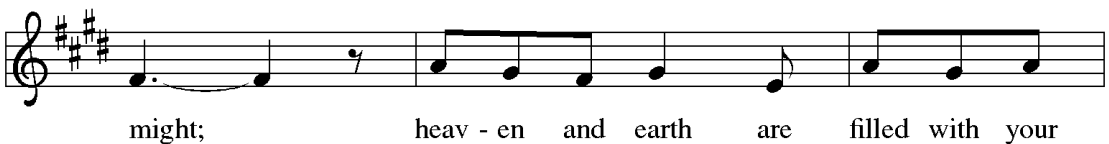
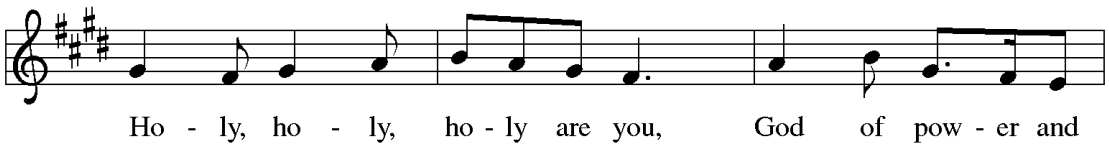
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The presider may invite the assembly to join in proclaiming the mystery of faith with these or similar words:*

... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

*The presider may invite the assembly to join in exclaiming the Great Amen with these or similar words:*

... be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*In the Bible, Jesus often speaks of God as “Abba,” Father, reflecting a profound intimacy with the creator of all worlds. Here, we extend that intimacy to name God as our Mother.*

Friends, it gladdens the heart of Jesus when we pray,

**God our Mother, God 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.**

## INVITATION TO RECEIVE AND SHARE COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

The Body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*Those worshipping via Zoom: Individuals may commune themselves and households may give the bread and wine/grape juice to one another with the same wording: The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ shed for you.*

## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

ACS 1099 “Kneeling in the Dust to Form Us”

ACS 967 “This Is Christ's Body”

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** ELW 851 “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE** “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” [ENGELBERG] —  
Tune by Charles V. Stanford (1852–1924); setting by Wilbur Held (1914–  
2015)

<p><b>SERVING TODAY</b> Preacher &amp; Presider: Carrie Ballenger; Assisting Minister: Helen Schwickrath; Reader: Kari Bosco; Intercessor: Susan Worst; Usher: Kenton Goldsby; Musicians: Ali Lauer (trumpet), Karen Sudbey (trumpet), Bob Berens (horn), Rick Ong (trombone), Laura Tracey (tuba), Maria Hedberg (flute), Imogene Stulken (organ), Lorraine Fitzmaurice, and the UniLu Choir; Tech Verger: Brittany Browning.</p>
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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE are asked for:**

Stacy Alan — friend of Pastor Carrie Ballenger  
Floyd Arntz — UniLu member  
David Bailey — friend of Gail Bucher  
Ellen and Bob Bartlett — sister and brother-in-law of Gail Bucher  
Margrit Betke — UniLu member  
Martin Buttelli — infant son of Felipe and Gabi Buttelli, friends of Pastor Carrie  
Louise Cohen — sister-in-law of Susan Worst  
Alice Conway — sister of Karin Kutrieb  
Solveig Ericson — UniLu member  
Bob Flannery — UniLu member  
George Gordon — UniLu member  
Naomi Goldsby — niece of Kenton Goldsby  
Vera Ryen Gregg — UniLu member  
Mark Howell — brother-in-law of Chris Pollari  
Charles Jaferian — grandson of Nancy Gould  
Bill Keto — brother of Karen Nichols  
Duncan McCoy Norton — son of Megan McCoy  
Anne Minton — colleague of Imogene Stulken  
Larry Nichols — UniLu member  
Tony Parkes — friend of Chris Pollari and Ann Ferentz  
Birgitta Ralston — UniLu member  
Johanna Ralston Lamb and the Ralston/Lamb family — UniLu members  
Tim Richards — uncle of K.C. Kohler  
Jeanette Searson — sister of Imogene Stulken  
Cindy Kent Spiels — friend of Imogene Stulken  
Judy Steele — sister of Phyllis Steele

For our siblings at Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge and their pastor, Robin Lütjohann.

For our siblings in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

For our Orthodox Christian siblings celebrating Pascha.

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we remember the peoples of India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

We pray for all who are seeking refuge, who are facing immigration challenges, who have been deported to homes that are not home, and who have been separated from their families.

## SERVING THE COMMUNITY:

Carrie Ballenger, *Pastor*

Gracious Moyo, *Associate Pastor*

Kristian Kohler, *Office Administrator*

Lorraine Fitzmaurice, *Music Director — Choir*

Imogene Stulken, *Music Director — Organ*

MC Miller, *Communications Coordinator*

Kenton Goldsby, *Harvard Divinity School Ministry Intern*

Jessica Chicka, *Boston University Chaplain for International Students*

Brian Tracey, *Council President*

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***Land Acknowledgment:*** *University Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Pawtucket and Massa-adchu-es-et (Massachusetts) peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have called, and who continue to call, this land their home.*