

Worship for May 9, 2021

WELCOME – Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

Moment for Mission – Greensboro Urban Ministry video

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship as people of Easter,
People who know Life is stronger than death.
We gather to worship as children of God,
Children loved and claimed by the risen Lord.
We gather to worship as the body of Christ,
The church called out for service in the world.
Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

(Call to Worship, Lectionary Aid Vol. 54.1)

**PRELUDE – Prelude from Partita No. 3 in E Major, J.S. Bach
Jorge Ochoa, violin**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – Laura Roberson

O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent. When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with your peace. When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace, show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ. Forgive us, risen Christ, of all the ways we fall short, and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world.

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HYMN – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Hymn 475

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

SCRIPTURE READING – John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. 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. 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 him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

SERMON – “You Remember Why, Right?”

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ANTHEM – Meditation from *Thais*, Jules Massenet

Jorge Ochoa, violin

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