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“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”

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4th Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Many Gifts, One Spirit

by Allen Pote

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Opening Words

Each of us have unique gifts to offer to God. Some will be teachers, others preachers; some will be doctors or nurses, or health-care workers, others will be skilled workers on the farm, in the supply chain, and in grocery stores; some will be forced to stop working, others will be forced to work. Each person has unique gifts to offer a world in need. May we be a blessing to one another and fulfill our unique place in life during this particularly difficult time.

Opening Prayer

726 Hymnal: A Worship Book

Gracious and eternal God,
we thank you for the bonds of love we share within your church.

We thank you for Jesus Christ,
who has joined us into one living body.

Enable us, by your Spirit,
to walk together in unity of love and purpose,
to help one another by work and example,
to live in faithful obedience to your will.

By the justice and mercy we show one another,
may your name be praised,
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. AMEN.

Song

There are many gifts

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*(Refrain) There are many gifts, but the same Spirit.
There are many works, but the same God,
and the Spirit gives each as it chooses.
Praise the Lord. Praise God.*

*Now one has the gift of wisdom,
another the calling to speak,
one the ability to comfort,
another the calling to teach.*

(Refrain)

*A body has many members,
yet all work in unity.
The church is the body of Christ,
his arms, ears and eyes, hands and feet.*

(Refrain)

*Not all are called to be prophets,
and not all are called to preach,
but all should aim for the best gifts
and love is the greatest of these.*

(Refrain)

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Congregational Prayer

Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs one voice.
Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.
O God, we pray for unity, give us guidance from above.
In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.

O God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to
your throne.
Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to
understand,

We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands

Take our many ways of working,
Blend the colors of each soul
Into the beauty of a rainbow,
Give us life, Lord, make us whole.

Special Music *Flute Set for Solo Flute* Adolphus Hailstork

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 12:4-7; 12-14; 26-27 (NRSV)

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

One Body with Many Members

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Sermon

Germans and Jesus

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Closing Song

My life flows on

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*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I catch the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.*

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Benediction

Leave, knowing no storm can shake our inmost calm while to that Rock we're clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Postlude *How Can I Keep From Singing* by Greg Gilpin

KEEPING IN PRAYER

Kevin Beers

Richard Barry

June Diehl

Richard Shreckhise

Floyd Herdrich's Friend Sondra's, Son-in-law, Fra Andraes Houpos, is recovering at home with C19.

Joel Guyer's Brother-in-law, Dale Stern who is now in hospice care.

Shawn Baker's Mother, Francine Baker and Grandmother, Emma Watson

The COVID-19 Pandemic and all those impacted.



Pastor David Whitten

Worship Leader Monica Sek Baker

Time with Our Children Zherina & David Whitten

Pianist Bob Phillips

Special Music Sarah Beers