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Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Butterfly

Jessica Walsh

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* **Opening Words**

Where there is no vision the people perish (*Proverbs 29:18 KJV*). Be our vision O Lord, as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

* **Opening Prayer**

#674

Dear God, our friend, we come to worship you today. We come to sing, pray, and listen. You always hear us. Help us to hear you. AMEN

* **Hymn**

Be thou my vision (vv. 1, 3-4)

#545

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight.
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, not vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Congregational Prayer

Song

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

#324

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you.
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia!

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

Steve Engle

“[There is] a new world coming when everyone is free! And all shall be God’s people in justice, love, and peace.” We give of ourselves, our tithes, talents, and time to the building of God’s kingdom through the ministry of West Richmond.

LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Dan Kreider

Scripture Lesson

Habakkuk 2:2-3 (CEV)
Acts 5:42 (NRSV)

Habakkuk 2:2-3 (CEV)

Then the Lord told me: “I will give you my message in the form of a vision. Write it clearly enough to be read at a

glance. At the time I have decided, my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time, but keep on waiting— it will happen!

Acts 5:42 (NSRV)

And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.

Sermon “Envisioning the New Normal”

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*** Closing Hymn** *Beyond a dying sun* # 3 2 3

Beyond a dying sun I saw a vision of the sea
of golden sails full billowed on the wind.
And echoing above the waves, a voice called after me,
God's dwelling place is with you till the end.

Refrain:

*I see a new world coming when everyone is free!
And all shall be God's people in justice, love and peace.*

For God at last shall wipe away the tears from every eye.
The sting of death shall pierce the heart no more.
When grieving turns to laughter all the pain from us shall fly,
and former ways lie bleached upon the shore. [Refrain]

Though hatred rages on the wind and wars defile the land,
I see those golden sails still coming strong,
for through the eyes of faith still shines the vision of the Lamb,
and o'er a weary earth there rings this song. [Refrain]

*** Benediction**

Postlude *Benediction* Larry Pugh

** Please stand as able and led*



Ministers.....	All Members
Pastor.....	David Whitten
Worship Leader	Susan Robertson
Song Leaders.....	Alyce Newman & David Whitten
Children’s Time.....	Terrie Glass
Special Music.....	Sarah Beers, Bill Kinzie, Bob Phillips & David Whitten
Flautist	Sarah Beers
Guitarist	Dave Whitten
Organist/Pianist	Bob Phillips
Dir. of Technology & Media.....	Kevin Beers

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