



# West Richmond Church of the Brethren

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

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*Trust and Obey / Amazing Grace*

arr. by B. Harland/ Donald Smith

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### Opening Words

Leader: I wait patiently for the Lord. (Ps 40:1a)

**People: Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart.**  
(Ps 27:14)

Leader: Wait for the Lord and keep his way. (Ps 37:34a)

**People: Lead me to your truth, and teach me, for  
you are the God of my salvation; for you I  
wait all day long.** (Ps 25:5)

Leader: Yes, Lord, walking in the ways of your laws, we  
wait for you; your name and renown are the  
desires of our hearts. (Isa 26:8)

**People: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew  
their strength, they shall mount up with  
wings like eagles, they shall run and not be  
weary, they shall walk and not faint.** (Isa 40:31)

### Opening Prayer

Working Preacher Narrative Lectionary

Lord Jesus, after death and resurrection you sent your  
followers into the world to proclaim your resurrection to  
the entire world. Send us into the world to bear witness to  
all you have done in our lives. Amen.

**Song***There is a place of quiet rest*

#5

*There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,  
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.*

*Oh Jesus, blessed redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.*

*There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,  
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.*

*Oh Jesus, blessed redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.*

**CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY****Time with Our Children****Congregational Prayer****Special Music**      *How Great Thou Art***LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED****Scripture Lesson**

Acts 1:1-11 (NRSV)

**The Promise of the Holy Spirit**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

**The Ascension of Jesus**

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**Sermon**

Interlude

## **Go IN GOD'S NAME**

**Closing Song**

*O God, in restless living*

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*O God, in restless living we lose our spirit's peace.  
Calm our unwise confusion, bid thou our clamor cease.  
Let anxious hearts grow quiet, like pools at evening still,  
Till thy reflected heavens all our spirits fill.*

*Teach us, beyond our striving, the rich rewards of rest.  
Who does not live serenely is never deeply bless'd.  
O tranquil, radiant Sunlight, bring thou our lives to flow'r,  
Less wearied with our effort, more aware of pow'r.*

**Benediction**

Ministry Matters

Christ has brought us together: together in faith, together in hope, together in love.

We have gathered together to be sent out again: sent out with the welcome message of God's love!

We go forth together, to be living testimonies of Christ's love!

**Postlude**

*Heaven Medley*

arr. by Eloise Hayes