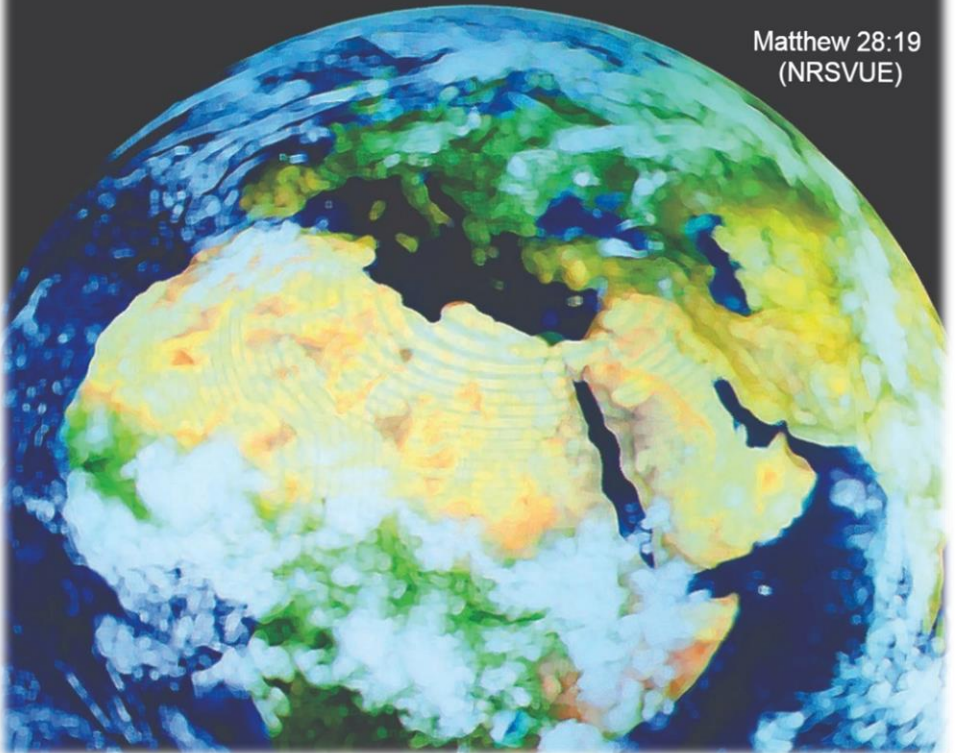




Go therefore and make  
disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the  
name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19  
(NRSVUE)





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

Welcome

Prelude

*Morning Has Broken*

arr. Meil Maxey

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Call to Worship

One: What Jesus said to his disciples, he says to you; Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” (John 20:21b ESV)

Many: **Here I am, send me.** (Isaiah 6:8b ESV)

One: You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8 ESV)

Many: **Here I am, send me.** (Isaiah 6:8b ESV)

### \* Opening Prayer

We have come to worship God, the living God, who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness. We have come to praise God, the almighty God, who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace. We have come to worship God, all-gracious God, who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God! Amen

### \* Opening Song

*Here I Am, Lord*

# 545

#### Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make the darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will call the poor by name.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

**Time with our Children** (after, children over 5 go to Children's Church)

**Song**                      *You Are Salt for the Earth*                      # 297

Verse 1:

You are salt for the earth, O people, salt for the kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!

*Refrain:*

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace.  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the city of God!*

Verse 2:

You are a light on the hill, O people, light for the city of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!

*Refrain*

Verse 3:

You are a seed of the Word, O people, bring forth the kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!

*Refrain*

Verse 4:

We are a bless'd and a pilgrim people, bound for the kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God!

*Refrain*

## Pastoral Prayer

### New Testament Reading

Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSVUE)

#### The Commissioning of the Disciples

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

Song

*Give thanks with a grateful heart*

# 1030

*Give Thanks* by Henry Smith

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Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his son. (2x)

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”  
let the poor say, “I am rich because  
of what the Lord has done for us.” (2x)

Give thanks.

## Thoughts on Giving

A Christian is one who does not have to consult a bankbook to see how wealthy he/she is.

## LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

**Special Music**

*Go, My Children*

Jaroslav J. Vajda

**Scripture Lesson**

James 1:19-21 (NIV)

### Listening and Doing

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

**Sermon**

Sharing the Love of God: “Listening”  
*(Part 1 of 3)*

## GO IN GOD’S NAME

\* **Closing Song**

*I love to tell the story*

# 761

Verse 1

I love to tell the story of unseen things above:  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know ‘tis true.  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

*Refrain:*

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

Verse 2

I love to tell the story. 'Tis pleasant to repeat what seems,  
each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

*Refrain*

Verse 3

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

\* **Benediction** (in unison)

2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV)

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

**Postlude**

*Benediction*

Larry Pugh

\* Please stand as able and led



**Ministers ..... All Members**

- Pastor..... David Whitten
- Worship Leader..... Barbara Beers
- Children's Time..... Sarah Hartman
- Special Music..... Barbara Beers, Bob Gangwer, Carol Goss, David Brunk,  
Freda Wilkins, Jeff Goss, Mike Faus, and Pat Gangwer
- Flautist ..... Sarah Hartman
- Guitarist..... David Whitten
- Pianist/Organist ..... Bob Phillips
- Dir. of Tech & Media ..... Kevin Beers