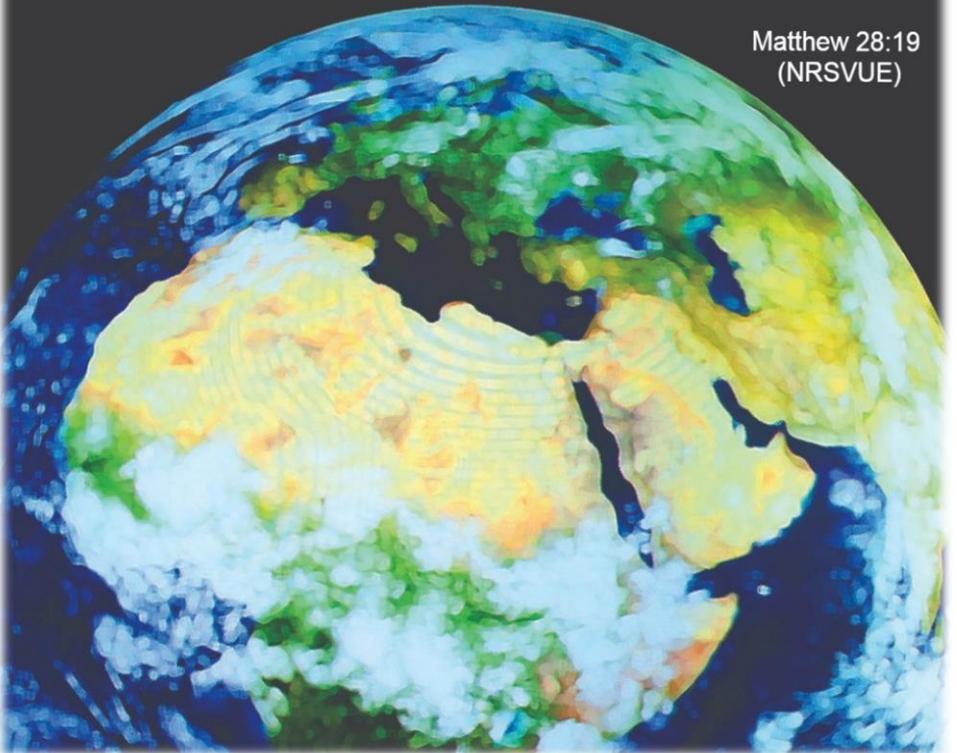




Go therefore and make  
disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the  
name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19  
(NRSVUE)







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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Welcome

### Organ Prelude

#### *Awake! The Dawn Appears*

Steven Scott

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## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

### \* Opening Prayer

### \* Opening Song

#### *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

# 29

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship* by Brian Doerksen

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*Refrain: Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are, to worship.  
Come, just as you are, before your God. Come.*

### Verse 1

One day every tongue will confess you are God;  
one day every knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains for those  
who gladly choose you now.

*(Refrain)*

### Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.

Willingly our knees will bow.  
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength,  
we gladly choose you now.

*(Refrain)*

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

**Time with our Children** (after, children under 5 can go to Nursery Care)

**Song**

*Lean on Me*

Bill Withers

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow,  
But if we are wise we know that there's always tomorrow.

*Lean on me when you're not strong, and I'll be your friend;  
I'll help you carry on, for it won't be long  
till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.*

Please swallow your pride if I have things you need to borrow,  
for no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show.

You just call on me brother, when you need a hand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.  
I just might have a problem that you'll understand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.

*Lean on me when you're not strong and I'll be your friend;  
I'll help you carry on, for it won't be long  
Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on*

You just call on me brother, when you need a hand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.  
I just might have a problem that you'll understand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.

If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry,  
I'm right up the road. I'll share your load if you just call me.

*Lean on me when you're not strong and I'll be your friend;  
I'll help you carry on, for it won't be long  
Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on*

# Pastoral Prayer

## Testimony

### WORSHIP IN GIVING

#### Song

*For the Healing of the Nations*

# 705

#### Verse 1:

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

#### Verse 2:

Lead us forward into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through  
care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

#### Verse 3:

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race, or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common  
quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

#### Verse 4:

You, Creator God,  
have written your  
great name on humankind.  
For our growing in your likeness,  
bring the life of Christ to mind  
that by our response and service, earth its destiny may find.

# Thoughts on Giving

(Psalm 116:12-14 NIV)

How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his Many.

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

### Special Music

*Celtic Theme and Variation*

Jessica Walsh

### Scripture Lesson

Matthew 28:18-20 (CEB)

<sup>18</sup> Jesus came near and spoke to them, “I’ve received all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go 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> teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.”

### Sermon

“Sharing the Love of God: Discipling”

(Part 3 of 3)

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \* Closing Song

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

# 4 4 3

#### Verse 1:

I have decided to follow Jesus.  
I have decided to follow Jesus.  
I have decided to follow Jesus—  
no turning back, no turning back.

#### Verse 2:

The world behind me, the cross before me;  
the world behind me, the cross before me;  
the world behind me, the cross before me;  
no turning back, no turning back.

Verse 3:

Though none go with me, I still will follow.

Though none go with me, I still will follow.

Though none go with me, I still will follow.

no turning back, no turning back.

**\* Call to Disciple**

**One:** Listen to Jesus' Commission for our ministry as individuals and a church. "You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit..." (John 15:16a)

**Many:** **We accept your calling!**

**One:** Go therefore and make disciples baptizing and teaching them, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20)

**Many:** **Lord, we hear your call. Fill us anew with your Spirit and empower us to share your love as a church with a mission. In Jesus name. Amen.**

**Organ Postlude** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* Cyril V. Taylor

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission* by Cyril Vincent Taylor, Jeffery Rowthorn

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Lord, you give the great commission:  
"heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

**\* Please stand as able and led**



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| <b>Ministers</b> .....     | <b>All Members</b>           |
| Pastor .....               | David Whitten                |
| Worship Leader .....       | David Brunk                  |
| Children's Time .....      | Sarah Hartman                |
| Special Music .....        | Sarah Hartman & Bob Phillips |
| Flautist .....             | Sarah Hartman                |
| Guitarist .....            | David Whitten                |
| Pianist/Organist .....     | Bob Phillips                 |
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