

Grace United Church of Christ



Janet Brooks-Gerloff, *Unterwegs nach Emmaus*, 1992

Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 26, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 26, 2020

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome

Preparing our Hearts

Call to Worship

L: I love the LORD, because God has heard my voice and my supplications.

P: Because God inclined an ear to me, therefore I will call on the Lord as long as I live.

L: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD

P: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

L: In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All: Praise the LORD!

Opening Hymn

"Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!"

NCH # 257 (insert)

Opening Prayer

We Listen

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Jonas Dawson

Special Music

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Children's Message

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!

*Eph. 1:15-23; Heb. 9:11-14**William C. Dix, 1867; alt.*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Gra - cious Je - sus! Yours the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, you on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ e - ter - nal, noth - ing

scep - ter, yours the throne! Al - le - lu - ia! Yours the
 left in sor - row now. Al - le - lu - ia! You are
 earth our food, our stay. Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 can dis - rupt your reign; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of

tri - umph, yours the vic - to - ry a - lone!
 near us; faith be - lieves, ques - tions how.
 sin - ful flec to you from day to day.
 Mar - y, heaven and earth are your do - main.

Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived you
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
 Hu - man life you ful - ly en - tered,

ASCENSION

thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus, out of
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
 earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me, and the songs that
 tend - ing those we count the least, serv - ing both as

ev - ery na - tion you've re - deemed us by your blood.
 get your prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more."
 sound in heav - en will re - peat your gra - cious plea.
 Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

William C. Dix, manager of a marine insurance company, was also a gifted writer who made a significant contribution to hymnody. This hymn was written to fill a need for communion hymns in Church of England hymnals.

Tune: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.
 Rowland H. Prichard, 1844
 Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

We Respond

Pastoral Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Leader: ...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Elements

Blessing after Communion

God of us all, In the gift of bread and cup we celebrate your presence in our church and in our lives. As your presence unites us in the gift of this holy meal, so we know that in your love we are united wherever we are. Keep true in us that same spirit that has united the Church throughout all generations and bring us soon into physical communion, through that same spirit, which is Christ, the Lord. Amen.

We are Sent

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

NCH # 403 (insert)

Dismissal

Postlude

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"
Arthur S. Sullivan, arr. Lani Smith (2015)

Jonas Dawson

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## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Matt. 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 3:11; Heb. 6:19; Rev. 11:15

Edward Mote, c. 1834; alt.

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and  
 2 When shad - ows veil my Sav - ior's face, I rest up - on un -  
 3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When Christ shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ  
 Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an-chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;  
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.

all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

*William Bradbury met great success by composing hymn tunes and religious songs in a lively, popular style. He also helped establish music programs in New York public schools, served a church, and co-founded a piano company.*

Tune: SOLID ROCK L.M. with refrain  
 William B. Bradbury, 1863



## Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday, April 26, 2020:**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

**Monday, April 27, 2020:**

Psalm 134; Genesis 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25

**Tuesday, April 28, 2020:**

Psalm 134; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; 1 Peter 2:1-3

**Wednesday, April 29, 2020:**

Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14

**Thursday, April 30, 2020:**

Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12







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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE  
Children's Message: N/A  
Children's Church: N/A  
Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship,  
please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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