



Here is the Order of Worship for our online worship experience.

“From You Comes My Praise: Singing in the Rain”

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 09, 2021

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude

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Call to Worship

Come, sing, shout and dance with joy! Let all creation break forth into praises of this, our awesome God! Let all creation break forth into praises of this, our loving Christ! Let all creation break forth into praises of this, our enlivening Spirit!

Sung Response:

**Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song,
Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.**

**Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long,
Dare to dance again!**

(Based on Psalm 98) O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the LORD. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy!

Sung Response:

**Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song,
Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.
Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long,
Dare to dance again!**

This is the call!

The sun breaks through the clouds.

People: We lift up our heads to meet the day.

We know that God is at work in our lives.

We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

And when rain comes again, we will open our umbrellas set out anyway.

For we are called to dance again!

Opening Hymn of Praise "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH #139 (verses 1-4). Words: Joachim Neander, 1680. Music: Erneuertem Gesangbuch, 1665; harm. by William Sterndale Bennett, 1864. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

**1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
health and salvation!**

**All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!**

**2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all
things so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings,
e'er in his keeping maintaining.**

**God's care enfolds all,
whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?**

**3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.**

**4. Praise to the Lord, who nourish
thy life and restore thee;
Fitting thee well for the tasks
that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.**

Opening Prayer

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation –
Let us be open to learn from the dances of others.
Open us to new steps for a new day.
Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you –
so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ.
Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

Anthem “Lord of the Dance”

A Story for All Ages (*Children’s Time*) This Week’s Dreamer: Anna Jarvis
(Recognition of Mother’s Day)

Prayer following A Story for All Ages

“We offer thanks
we offer thanks
for dreamers true
for dreamers true
for all they are
for all they are
and all they do
and all they do.
Let us become
let us become
dreamers too
dreamers too
and bring new life

and bring new life
to me and you
to me and you!
Amen!
Amen!

Hymn "God Will Take Care of You" UMH #130 (verses 1-3). Words: Civilla D. Martin, 1904. Music: W. Stillman Martin, 1905. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

**1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.**

Refrain:
**God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.**

Refrain:

**2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
when dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.**

Refrain:

**3. All you may need He will provide,
God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.**

Refrain:

Scripture Lesson Exodus 16:2-15 (NRSV)

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what

they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “From You Comes My Praise: Singing in the Rain” Rev. Matthew Sergent

Prayers of the People

Hymn for Stepping Out “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” UMH 731 (verses 1-3). Words: John Newton, 1779. Music: Coratian folk song; arr. by Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

**1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
God, whose Word cannot be broken,
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.**

**2. See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,**

well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst t' assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from our banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which He gives them when they pray.

Benediction

Go forth into God's world as God's own children.
Let the love of Christ be reflected in your life and your deeds.
Go with joy to serve the Lord.
And may the Loving God,
Risen Christ,
and Dancing Spirit
fill you with all you need
for the days ahead.

And all God's people said,
"Amen!"

Postlude