



Resurrection Stories

April 28, 2024

10 am

Prelude *Processional on Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* Robert Wetzler
Cathleen Harris, organ (b. 1932)

The prelude is a time for quiet reflection.

Call to Worship Rev. Cynthia Riggin

One: God of Love, let us gather together in Your name to spend time in Your abiding presence.

All: **We thank You that You are a God of such abundance and generous grace.**

One: We are grateful that within Your loving embrace there is space enough for all of us.

All: **May we abide with You in Your love, that we may share and live Your love with one another. Let us be open to Your transforming love as we worship You and follow You on Your way.**

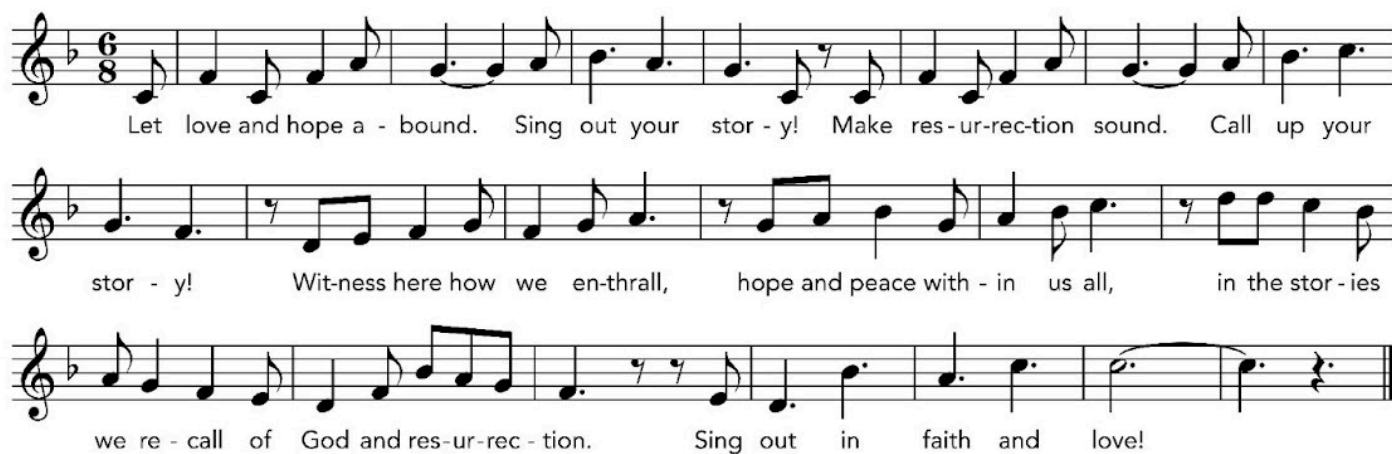
***Hymn** *We Are Your People* See back of bulletin

Welcome and Prayer of Thanksgiving Peregrine Morkal-Williams

*Response

Sing Out Your Story

Brad Nix



Let love and hope a - bound. Sing out your stor - y! Make res-ur-rec-tion sound. Call up your
stor - y! Wit-ness here how we en-thrall, hope and peace with - in us all, in the stor - ies
we re - call of God and res-ur-rec - tion. Sing out in faith and love!

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Scripture

John 15:1-8

One: May these words be to us our light and our life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

*Hymn

We Are Not Our Own

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Moment for Ministry: Pastoral Internship

Rev. Adam Blons

Rev. T. Michael Rock

MPUC Leadership Advisory Group

Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Creator, 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

Oh, Be Swift to Love

Nancy Grundahl

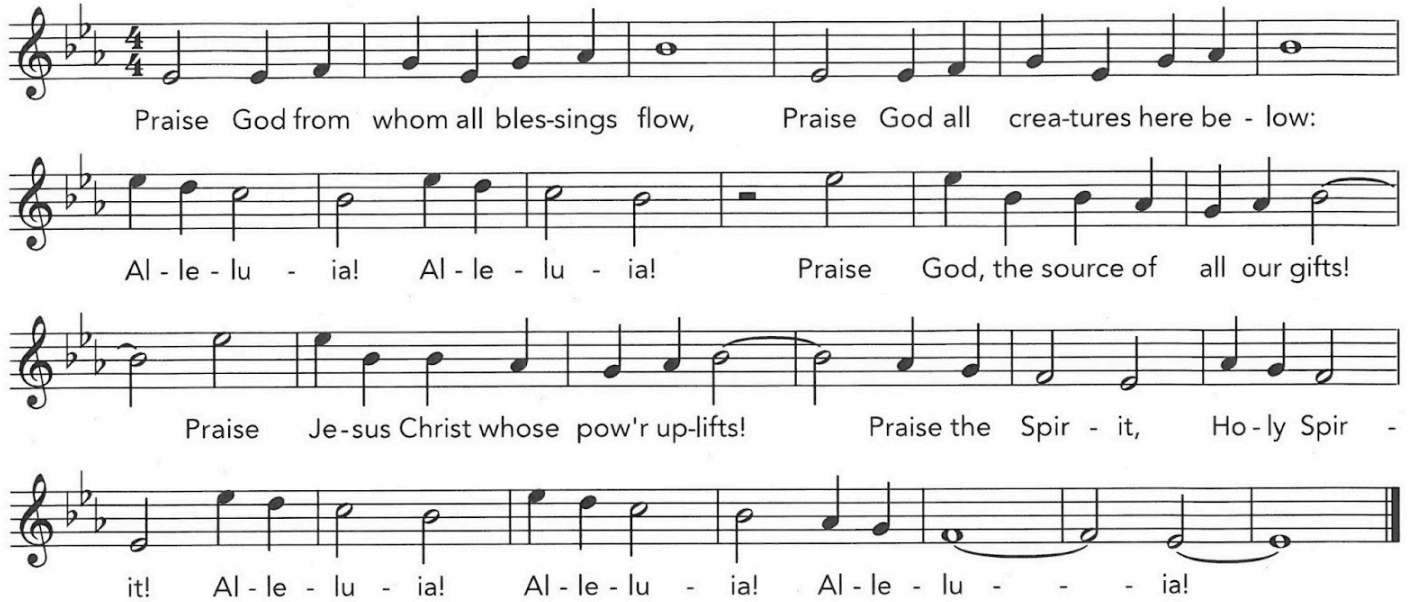
Chancel Choir Treble Voices ■ Cathleen Harris, piano

(b. 1946)

Oh, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.

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*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication



Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here be - low:
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up-lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir -
it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*Invitation to Our Life Together

*Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

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*Benediction

*Response

May God's Blessing Shine Upon Us

Curt Oliver
(1943-2018)



May God's bless-ing shine up-on us, may we go in peace, to
love and serve the Lord. A - men, A - men.

Postlude

Toccata in F Major
Cathleen Harris, organ

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Notes About Our Service

* Please stand as you are able.



Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop for enhanced sound for those whose hearing aids are equipped with a t-coil.



Support people growing in love of God and neighbor through Macalester Plymouth United Church! To give to the church, text GIVE2MPUC to 73256 and follow the prompts, give online at macalester-plymouth.org/give, or send a check to the church address below.

Our service today is being live streamed on YouTube. We occasionally scan the congregation during the broadcast. If you do not wish to appear online, we invite you to sit in the south transept or in the balcony. You will not be in view of the cameras there.

We affirm many words and images to talk about God. Feel free to change the words as you speak or sing to those you prefer.

Church Staff

Adam Blons, Lead Minister
Cynthia Riggin, Minister of Congregational Life
Peregrine Morkal-Williams, Seminary Intern
Brad Bradshaw, Director of Music
Peytie McCandless, Temporary Office Administrator
Cathleen Harris, Organist/Accompanist
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We Are Your People

Brian Wren, 1973; rev. 1993

Unison

1 We are your peo - ple: Spir - it of grace,
 2 Joined in com - mu - ni - ty, trea - sured and fed,
 3 Rich in di - ver - si - ty, help us to live
 4 Glad of tra - di - tion, help us to see

you dare to make us Christ to our neigh - bors
 may we dis - cov - er gifts in each oth - er,
 clos - er than neigh - bors, o - pen to strang - ers,
 in all life's chang - ing, where Christ is lead - ing,

1 & 6 *Last time, end* || 2-5

of ev - ery cul - ture and place.
 will - ing to lead and be led.
 a - ble to clash and for - give.
 where our best ef - forts should be.

5 Give, as we ven - ture
 jus - tice and care
 (peace - ful, in - sist - ing,
 risk - ing, re - sist - ing),
 wis - dom to know when and where.

6 Spir - it, u - nite us,
 make us, by grace,
 will - ing and read - y,
 Christ's liv - ing bod - y,
 lov - ing the whole hu - man race.

Originally written in 1973 for the hymnal of the United Reformed Church in England and Wales, New Church Praise, this text was revised by Brian Wren in 1993. The tune is named for the composer's father-in-law, who served as chair of the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Tune: WHITFIELD Irr.
 John Wilson, 1975

We Are Not Our Own

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Brian Wren, 1987

Unison

1 We are not our own. Earth forms us, hu-man leaves on na-ture's grow-ing
2 We are not a-lone. Earth names us: past and pres-ent, peo-ples near and
3 Through a hu-man life God finds us; dy-ing, liv-ing, love is ful-ly
4 There-fore let us make thanks-giv-ing, and with jus-tice, will-ing and a-

vine, Fruit of man-y gen-er-a-tions, seeds of life di-vine.
far, fam-i-ly and friends and strang-ers show us who we are.
known, and in bread and wine re-minds us: we are not our own.
ware, give to earth, and all things liv-ing, lit-ur-gies of care.

5 And if love's en-coun-ters lead us
on a way un-cer-tain and un-known,
All the saints with prayer sur-round us:
we are not a-lone.

6 Let us be a house of wel-come,
liv-ing stone up-hold-ing liv-ing stone,
Glad-ly show-ing all our neigh-bors
we are not our own!

This hymn was commissioned for the tenth anniversary of the Liturgical Studies Program of Drew University, New Jersey, in 1987. Brian Wren's melody came to him early on in the writing process and was helpful in the creation of the final hymn text.

Tune: YARNTON 8.9.8.5.
Brian Wren, 1987
Arr. Fred Graham, 1987

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7**Latin, 6th-8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.
St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

*The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata
Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and
Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built
of "living stones"—the saints of God.*

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry T. Smart, 1867

Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY



Weekly Announcements for April 28, 2024

MPUC Land Acknowledgement Statement

We gather today on the homeland of the Dakota people. We acknowledge the role Christianity played in removing the Dakota people from their sacred land. We also acknowledge the historical role churches, including our denominations, played in establishing boarding schools designed to erase Indigenous culture. We honor the Dakota, the Anishinaabe, and our other Indigenous neighbors. We pledge to learn from them and to walk in solidarity with them. To read the full statement, visit our website: <https://www.macalester-plymouth.org/land-acknowledgement>.

Volunteers Needed for Spring Work Days – May 4 and June 15

Please join us **May 4 and/or June 15, from 9:00 am to 12 pm each day**, for the spring work days this year. You are not obligated to be there for the full three hours. There are both outdoor and indoor tasks. Please consider coming to enjoy the camaraderie and sense of common purpose. And to get work done! Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Questions? Contact Rick Lancaster at 612-817-0130 (mobile) or AbbyRick0408@gmail.com.

Today: Confirmation and Middle School Youth Group

Today, April 28, 2024: Confirmation 11:30 am-1 pm

Today, April 28, 2024: Middle School Youth Group 4:30 pm to 6 pm

Share Your Prayer Requests

We are a praying congregation! Share your prayer requests, your joys and concerns, by emailing MPUCPrays@gmail.com.

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