



ORDER OF WORSHIP

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 2, 2021 - 9:30 am Online Service

Prelude

Psalm Prelude, Set 1, No. 2

TIM EVERS, ORGAN

arr. Herbert Howells

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

Strangers break bread. The weary are lifted up. Hope and healing are made manifest.

God's love is like a jar of oil that never runs dry.

God calls us to have open hearts and open hands. May we be vessels of God's grace to one another.

God's love is like a jar of oil that never runs dry.

This is God's work. We are its witnesses.

Let us worship God!

+ Opening Hymn 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

(Hymn located at the end of the bulletin)

+ Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Holy God, in raising your Son from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we remain captive, bound by our hardened hearts and the unjust systems in this world that perpetuate death and oppression. We overlook the poor and the hungry; we pass by those who mourn. We turn aside from the cries of the oppressed and are indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and our world. Set us free to serve you and to participate in the work of your Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Time with the Children

Kelli Masters

First Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer *(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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Announcements and Offering

Please make an offering to the ongoing work of the church. You can give online by using the giving button on the website at www.waynepres.org/giving/

Musical Offertory

Lamb of God (fr. Gospel Mass)

Robert Ray

QUARTET

Second Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my son to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Widow and the Resurrection in Zarephath

KATY SHEVEL

+ Closing Hymn 201 *A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar*

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

(Hymn located at the end of the bulletin)

+ Benediction

Postlude

"Allegro" from Concerto in G Major

Antonio Vivaldi, transcribed by J. S. Bach, BWV 973

NATE ZULLINGER, ORGAN

upcoming events

WINGS SUNSET SOCIAL ON THURSDAY, MAY 13 FROM 5:30-7:30 PM

Join us on the veranda and grounds of Hilltop House in Berwyn. We will "sip, snack, and stroll" on the paved paths to walk the park. Refreshments will be provided. This will be a great way for women to reconnect and see each other in an outdoor environment. It is sponsored by WinGS and is free. We encourage all women to join this easy, relaxing evening. Sign up on WPC's website: waynepres.org

RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP WILL BEGIN SUNDAY, MAY 16

PLEASE NOTE THE START TIME WILL BE 9:00 AM

If you are planning on attending in-person worship services you will be required to make a reservation by registering online. We also ask that due to our live streaming the service you plan to arrive twenty minutes early as we will start promptly at 9:00 AM. If you are unable to register online call Mary Lou Kendus and she will assist you. We encourage you to check for details regarding guidelines and procedures on the church waynepres.org.

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

201 A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

1 A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar, by Love's di-vine ap -
 2 A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb by Love's di-vine com -
 3 Though wom-an-wis-dom, wom-an-truth, for cen-tu-ries were
 4 The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls, by Love's di-vine or -

point-ing. With rare per-fume she filled the room, pre -
 mis-sion. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a -
 hid-den, un-sung, un-writ-ten, and un-heard, de -
 dain-ing, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their

sid-ing and a-noint-ing. A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar,
 ris-ing from sub-mis-sion. A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb,
 rid-ed and for-bid-den, the Spir-it's breath, the Spir-it's fire,
 powers and gifts un-chain-ing. The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls,

the sneers of scorn de-fy-ing. With rare per-fume she
 with res-ur-rec-tion gos-pel. She saw; she heard; she
 on free and slave de-scend-ing, can tum-ble our di -
 from wom-en, men, and chil-dren, the friends we need, to

This text seeks to reverse the neglected witness of biblical women by celebrating the woman who washed Jesus' feet (unnamed in Matthew 26:6-13/Mark 14:3-9/Luke 7:36-50; Mary of Bethany in John 12:1-8) and Mary Magdalene (John 20:1-18; Matthew 28:1-10/Mark 16:1-7/Luke 24:10).

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HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
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filled the room, pre-par-ing Christ for dy-ing,
 preached the Word, a-pos-tle to a-pos-tles,
 vid-ing walls, our shame and sad-ness mend-ing,
 serve and lead. Re-joice, and make them wel-come!