



May 2, 2021

The Fifth Sunday after Easter | Worshipping Together Online



Seeking Understanding
Matthew 13:1-9
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Gathering Around the Word

Preservice Music

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
Vicki Fey, organ

arr. Charles Ore

We Come as Guests Invited
Vicki Fey, organ

arr. Jan Bender

Welcome

Christian Antwi

Call to Worship

Christian Antwi

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

This is how God showed us love:

God sent their one and only Son into the world that we might live through them.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent their Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another

Prayer of Adoration

Christian Antwi

Hymn 529

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether
Lucy Baum, vocals; Vicki Fey, keyboard

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**Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Here we touch your garment's hem.

**As disciples used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver
break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
so now bind our friendship up.**

**All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We will serve with faith anew.

Call to Confession		Jasiel H. Garcia
Prayer of Confession		Jasiel H. Garcia
Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. We confess that we have failed to love you, our neighbor, and the stranger. Forgive us for not living as people of the resurrection. Call us back to your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.		
Assurance of Pardon		Jasiel H. Garcia
Passing of The Peace		Jasiel H. Garcia
Hymn Response Hymn 22, Stanzas 1, 6	God of the Sparrow <i>Jennifer Sengin, vocals; Vicki Fey, keyboard</i>	ROEDER
	God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise	
	God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home	
	Proclaiming The Word	
A Time with Children		Hope Bradford
Anthem	Do Not Be Afraid <i>Bethlehem and Nazareth Choirs; Vicki Fey and Rachel Stewart, directors</i>	Mark Burrows
Scripture Readings	1 John 4: 7 - 21 Acts 8: 26 - 40	Trace Haythorn
Sermon	Seeking Understanding	Trace Haythorn
Anthem	Hear My Prayer <i>Chancel Choir Ensemble</i>	Moses Hogan

Responding to and Sending the Word

Invitation to Communion

Trace Haythorn and Jasiel H. Garcia

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Parent, who is among us, holy is your name.
May your reign be a reality here on earth.
May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here and now
than in waiting for it to come down from above.
Let us share our bread with those who hunger.
Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.
Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.
For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth.
And yours we are. Amen.**

Music During Communion

You Are the Branches
*Jerusalem Choir; Kaitlyn Hilimire-soloist;
Rachel Stewart, director; Karen Brown, accompanist*

Michael Jochen

Hymn 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See
Kitsy Battle, Jennifer Sengin, vocals; Vicki Fey, keyboard

OPEN MY EYES

**Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Bearing and Following the Word into The World

Blessing and Benediction

Trace Haythorn

Sending Music

Postlude on ENGELBERG
Vicki Fey, organ

arr. Charles Ore

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God of the Sparrow

C Em Am Dm G

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the

C F E7 Am Em F Em

swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy

Am Dm Gsus G C

How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
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The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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