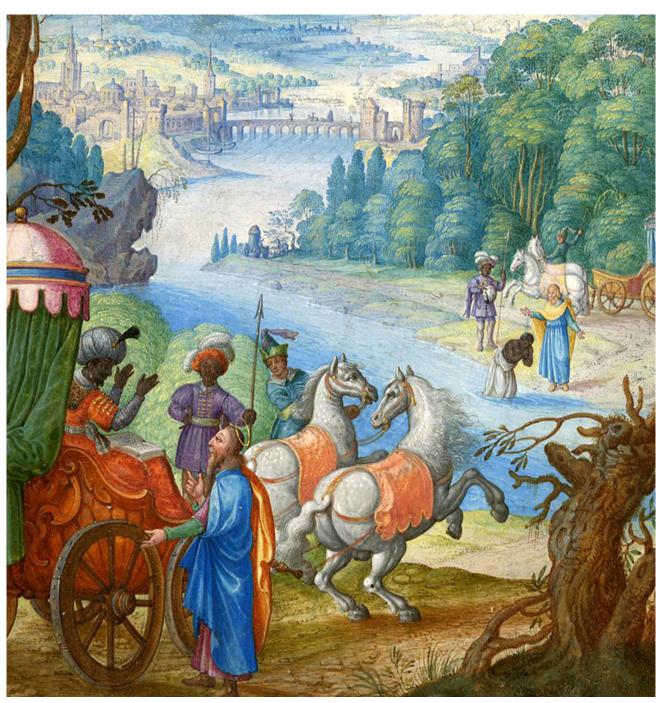


May 2, 2021 The Fifth Sunday after Easter | Worshipping Together Online



Seeking Understanding Matthew 13:1-9 www.cpcatlanta.org

Gathering Around the Word

Preservice Music Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether arr. Charles Ore

Vicki Fey, organ

We Come as Guests Invited arr. Jan Bender

Vicki Fey, organ

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 UNION SEMINARY

Lucy Baum, vocals; Vicki Fey, keyboard

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 Jennifer Sengin, vocals; Vicki Fey, keyboard

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

A Time with Children	Proclaiming The Word	Hope Bradford
Anthem	Do Not Be Afraid Bethlehem and Nazareth Choirs; Vicki Fey and Rachel Stewart, directors	Mark Burrows
Scripture Readings	1 John 4: 7 - 21 Acts 8: 26 - 40	Trace Haythorn
Sermon	Seeking Understanding	Trace Haythorn
Anthem	Hear My Prayer	Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir Ensemble

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

OPEN MY EYES

Michael Jothen

Hymn 451

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

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!

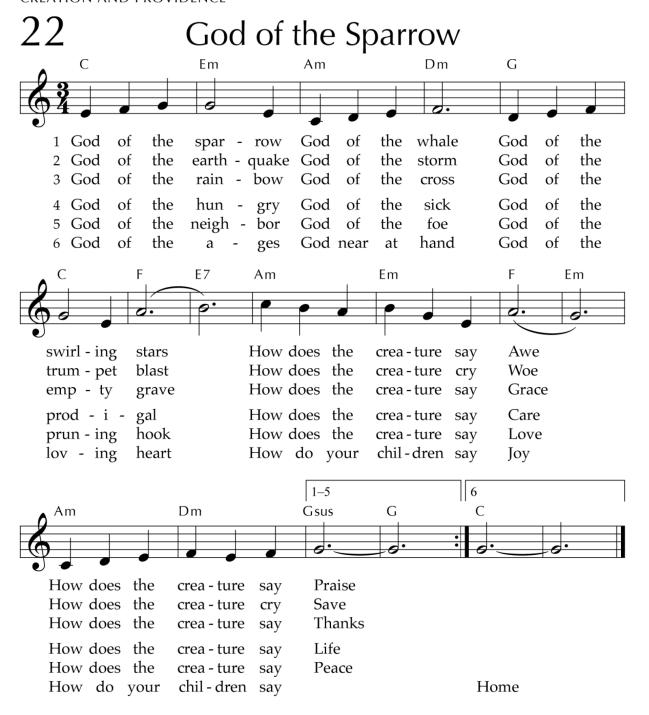
Bearing and Following the Word into The World

Blessing and Benediction

Trace Haythorn

Sending Music

Postlude on ENGELBERG Vicki Fey, organ arr. Charles Ore



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Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



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



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