

## Scriptural Meditation

*You transformed my mourning into dance, and gave me new life;  
You have taken my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy,  
so that my life will praise you, and not weep.  
O Lord, my God, I will praise you forever.*

Psalm 30

## ~Gathering the Family of God~

## The Peal of Our Church Bell

## Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

## Prelude

*The Summons*

arr.by M. Hayes

## Call to Worship

One: Exalt the Lord, our God, who restores our lives.

**All: Praise the God of love, who lifts us from despair.**

One: Weeping may last the night,

**All: But joy comes with the morning.**

One: Rejoice, for day has dawned. Christ is risen indeed!

**All: Sing a song of joy, for Christ has called us to the dance!**

## Prayer of Invocation

\* **Gathering Song** *Will You Come and Follow Me?/The Summons* # 726

## \*Prayer of Confession

*Let us stand and express ourselves to God.*

**All: We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ, but then tend to sink back into our old ways of thinking, behaving, responding to people's needs. We can dance with the angels and all humankind on Easter Sunday, but the days following the Day of Resurrection cause us to slip back into apathy or despair. Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries that we ignore the needs of others around us. Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us. Charge us up, O Lord! Set our hearts to dancing! Give us a spirit for rejoicing, willing hearts and hands for helping, voices for praising you forever! Amen.**

\* **A Time for Contemplation** (a private time for you and God)

## \*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Sing! Shout! Rejoice! Jesus calls you to serve because of his love for you. He believes in you and all the gifts you have been given! Do not be afraid. Christ is with you always.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*Gloria Patri

# 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

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## God's Word for Little Ears

## Song of Preparation

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* # 721

## ~Hearing God's Word~

## Prayer for Understanding God's Word

**All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.**

## Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 9:1-20

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One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm (a translation for today)

Psalm 30

One: O LORD, a fractured relationship with you is like a death;

**All: yet your one desire is life - community with you.**

One: With darkness weeping remains,

**All: but joy comes with the hint of morning light.**

One: We've come to take so much for granted in our lives:

"I'm OK - steady as a rock. In fact, LORD, you've been so good to me  
I'm more secure than a strong mountain."

**All: Then it seemed that you hid your face from me, and I was terrified.**

One: I cried out to you, LORD, when things were really grim;

**All: I pleaded with you to restore my good circumstance:**

One: "What profit is there in my weeping, in my going down in the pit?"

**All: Will the dust praise you? Will it declare your faithfulness?**

One: Hear me, LORD, and be merciful.

**All: LORD, be my help."**

One: You transformed my mourning into dance, and gave me new life;

**All: You have taken my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy,**

One: so that my life will praise you, and not weep.

**All: O LORD, my God, I will praise you - for ever.**

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## New Testament Epistle

Revelation 5:11-14

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One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Lesson

John 21:1-19

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One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Message

*Fishing Tips*

Pastor Kim Nelson

**~Responding to God's Word~**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*(An Affirmation of Faith from the Iona Community in Scotland)*

*Let us stand and affirm our faith.*

**All: We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of life,  
Of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
Born of a woman, a servant of the poor,  
Tortured and nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.  
He descended into the earth to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,  
And his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,  
The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
Life-Giving breath of the Church,  
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
Source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

**Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad**

*Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.*

**Offertory Anthem**

*Feed My Lambs* by Dori Erwin Collins, arr. by Matthew Wolka

Refrain: Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me.  
At the daybreak Christ is waiting, Risen Healer, Constant Friend,  
by a fire preparing breakfast, humble meal of fish and bread.  
And he beckons his disciples from a weary night at sea,  
in the crescent light he questions, "Do you love me more than these?"

(Refrain)

2) Through the years the church has gathered 'round the Christ, Eternal Flame,  
Known in water, word and banquet, serving all he calls by name.

Here the yearning, here the witness, here the provender of grace.  
Love that finds, forgives and fills us, sends us singing from this place:

(Refrain)

3) Now the church, a living welcome, moves as Christ within the world,  
Both its faith and sin confessing, life is mended, healed, restored:  
Seeing Christ in every stranger, sharing freely all that's giv'n,  
Bearing hope through joy and justice, bread of earth and bread of  
heav'n. (Refrain)

**\*Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow/Doxology*

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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**Prayers of the People followed by Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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.**

**Sung Prayer Response**

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

(#466)

**All: Come and fill our hearts with your peace,**

**You alone, O Lord, are holy,**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!**

*Words & Music: Jacques Berthier © Les Presses de Taizé (France).*

**~Going Forth to Serve God~**

**Life in Our Church Community**

**\*Song of Sending Forth**

*Go to the World!*

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Sine Nomine*

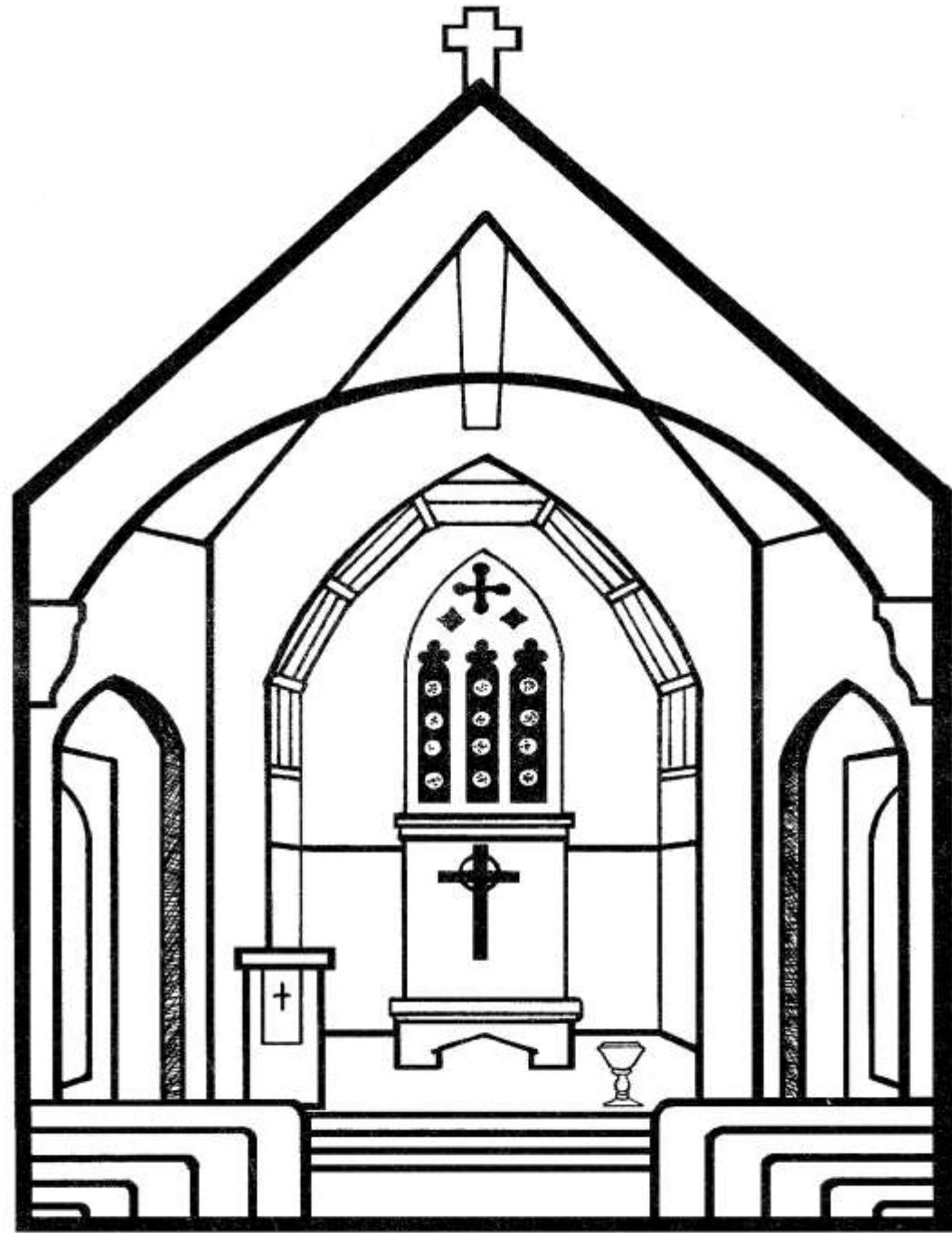
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