

**Lyonsville Congregational United Church of Christ**

May 2, 2021 at 10:00am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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The meeting ID is 708 246 1255. The password is 60525.

If dialing in, press # when asked for a participant ID.

*To manage noise, all participants are muted except for congregational participation.*

**Gathering Music**

“There Is A Redeemer” – Melody Greene

**Greeting**

*One:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*All:* **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Call to Worship**

*One:* Come, let us celebrate what God is doing!

*All:* **Listen to the stories of the Spirit changing lives.**

*One:* Listen to the stories of the Risen Christ reinterpreting our ancient words, inviting us to new ways of being together.

*All:* **Listen to the stories of God’s people past and present, showing us where God is leading.**

*One:* Rejoice, for the Living One is here, calling us on! Come, let us follow in faith.

**Opening Song**                    “Gather Us In”

**Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our tears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be a light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong,  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.**

**Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

### Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

### Word for Children

#### Scripture Reading

Acts 15:1-19

Jean Hegner

#### The Word in Music

“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone” – Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio

#### Homily

“What Makes A Church?”

Rev. Sean Williams

#### Reflection Song

“Blessed Assurance”

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

#### **Refrain:**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]**

### Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord’s Prayer

### Offering our Gifts and Prayers

#### Invitation

**Online Giving:** [lyonsvillechurch.org/donate](https://lyonsvillechurch.org/donate) OR via the “Connect” app

**Mail Giving:** Mail contributions to: 6871 Joliet Road, Indian Head Park IL 60525.

## Music at the Offertory

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Joel Raney

## Doxology and Prayer of Thanks

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Invitation

*This is the table not of this church, but of Jesus Christ. All are welcomed – and all means all.*

### Giving Thanks

*One:* God be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*One:* Lift up your hearts!

*All:* **We lift them up to God.**

*One:* Let us give thanks and praise to God most high.

*All:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

### Remembering Jesus at Table

### Affirmation of Memory and Hope

### Prayer of Consecration

### Call to Communion

### Prayer after Communion

*One:* Let us pray:

*All:* **At this table, O God, you have made us a church whether we are gathered or scattered. At this table, O Christ, you have given us your freedom to bring your love to ourselves, to one another, and to those we have never met. At this table, O Spirit, you have given us the freedom to do this in new ways and new places. We thank you and dedicate ourselves to your service.  
Amen.**

## Closing Song

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;  
waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
in my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,  
go, my children, with my blessing you are my own.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure,  
here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;  
here you heard my Son's dear story, here you touched him, saw his glory,  
go, my children, sins forgiven at peace and pure.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you;  
go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

### **Spoken Blessing**

#### **Sung Blessing - "Go In Peace"**

**Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.  
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.  
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!  
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.**

### **Postlude**

**"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

**Marianne Kim**

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