

Order of Worship
May 7th 2023 ~ The 5th Sunday of Easter
9:00 service

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.
With bright eyes, let us search.

This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.
With engaged minds, let us ponder.

This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.
With compassionate hearts, let us feel.

This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.
With solid devotion, let us follow.

This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.
With humble intention, let us act.

This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.
With strong voices, let us sing.
Amen.

– written by Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson

Hymn of Praise

God of Justice
WS #76

Verse 1

God of Justice Saviour to all
Came to rescue the weak and the
poor
Chose to serve and not be served

Pre-Chorus

Jesus You have called us
Freely we've received
Now freely we will give

Chorus

We must go
Live to feed the hungry
Stand beside the broken
We must go
Stepping forward
Keep us from just singing
Move us into action
We must go

Verse 2

To act justly every day
Loving mercy in every way
Walking humbly before You God

Pre-Chorus

You have shown us what You
require
Freely we've received
Now freely we will give

Chorus

We must go
Live to feed the hungry
Stand beside the broken
We must go
Stepping forward
Keep us from just singing

Move us into action
We must go

Bridge

Fill us up and send us out
Fill us up and send us out
Fill us up and send us out Lord
(REPEAT)

Chorus

We must go
Live to feed the hungry
Stand beside the broken
We must go
Stepping forward
Keep us from just singing
Move us into action
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Opening Prayer

We gather together in the presence of God,
the Lord of heaven and earth:
the Creator of our world and everything in it;
the One who gave us life and breath,
the One who is never away from any of us,
the One in whom we live and move and have our being.
Let's worship God together!
Amen

Confirmation Liturgy

Special Music

Schnee in Istanbul
Carlo Domeniconi

Excerpt from Allegro BWV 998
J. S. Bach

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14; 28-31

The Message

14 1-4 "Don't let this rattle you. You trust God, don't you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you in my Father's home. If that weren't so, would I have told you that I'm on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I'm on my way to get your room ready, I'll come back and get you so you can live where I live. And you already know the road I'm taking."

5 Thomas said, "Master, we have no idea where you're going. How do you expect us to know the road?"

6-7 Jesus said, "I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him. You've even seen him!"

8 Philip said, "Master, show us the Father; then we'll be content."

9-10 "You've been with me all this time, Philip, and you still don't understand? To see me is to see the Father. So how can you ask, 'Where is the Father?' Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you aren't mere words. I don't just make them up on my own. The Father who resides in me crafts each word into a divine act.

11-14 "Believe me: I am in my Father and my Father is in me. If you can't believe that, believe what you see—these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I'm doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I've been doing. You can count on it. From now on, whatever you request along the lines of who I am and what I am doing, I'll do it. That's how the Father will be seen for who he is in the Son. I mean it. Whatever you request in this way, I'll do.

28 "You've heard me tell you, 'I'm going away, and I'm coming back.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I'm on my way to the Father because the Father is the goal and purpose of my life.

29-31 "I've told you this ahead of time, before it happens, so that when it does happen, the confirmation will deepen your belief in me. I'll not be talking with you much more like this because the chief of this godless world is about to attack. But don't worry—he has nothing on me, no claim on me. But so the world might know how thoroughly I love the Father, I am carrying out my Father's instructions right down to the last detail.

"Get up. Let's go. It's time to leave here."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Get Up and Go
Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Manhã de Carnaval

Luiz Bonfá, Arranged by Baden Powell

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen**

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Communion

Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Take My Life And Let It Be Consecrated
RH #597

Verse 1

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Verse 3

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee

Verse 5

Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne

Verse 2

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Verse 4

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

Verse 6

Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee

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Closing Prayer

As you go out into the world
Follow me
At home with your household
Follow me
At school and work
Follow me
In every life transition
Follow me
In everything you do this week
Follow me
And as you do, remember that I am with you always,
even to the end of the world. Amen.

~ written by Carolyn Brown

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
James Barrs,
Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Altar – Judi Loubier
Greeters – Randy and Jeanne Woods, Kim Rogers
Scripture and Prayers of the People – Jacqui Horton
Scripture 10:30 – Kim Rogers

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