

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UNITED CHURCH
Sunday April 25, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

The Life and Work of the St. Bart's Community

Prelude: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Hymn Tune: St. Margaret

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: We listen with hope for the familiar voice of Jesus calling us.

All: We are gathered together, nourished and protected by the love of God.

One: Jesus calls all people to follow; and we follow together in loving community.

All: Jesus leads us all with love and we share the Good News at St. Bart's and throughout the world. Let's worship God together!

Greeting

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. (Greet each other with a sign of peace.)

Opening Hymn: We Have This Ministry

VU 510

Prayer of Approach

All: Gracious and loving God, you share your love with all humanity. Help us when we think that we are wise and powerful. When we think that we are wise, remind us of your wisdom. When we act as if we are powerful, remind us of your power. Help us to recognize your wisdom, power and love for all humanity. Gather us, nurture us, protect us, lead us, and forgive us when we stray. For we want to follow Jesus in loving community together. Jesus died so that we might truly live and we are grateful. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Youth Time: "Pets"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Ruth 1:8-19a

"May God's Word be a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path."

Solo: The Song of Ruth

arr. D. Boss

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

Sermon: *"The Courage to Cross the Borderline"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Hymn: You Are Holy

MV 45

The Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Prayer of Dedication

The Nicene Creed

VU p.920

Prayers of the People

Prayer Prelude: O God, Hear My Prayer

VU 948

O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer:
when I call answer me.

O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

VU 642

Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymn Tune: Hyfrydol

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Worship Leader: Rev. Jeff Bacon
Director of Music: Dorean Boss
Guest Preacher: Wing Yi Wong
Soloist: Melissa Schoonhoven
Scripture Reader: Terry Gabel
Sound & Video: Ken Pebesma
Social Media: Steve Rhodes



Thanks to Emmanuel College PhD student Wing Yi Wong for leading our Bible Study of the Book of Ruth and for inspiring us today with her sermon on anti-racism entitled “The Courage to Cross the Borderline.”



Joanne Moote Concison, Cheryl Leonard, Emmett Young, Taeya Bodiam,
Andy Bertrand, Grace Longfield, Bill Walker, Jean White, Barbara
Matthews, Marlene Merritt, Fred Dickson, Doug Potts,
all those who are dear to us, and all of us in our isolation.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter



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We are a Christian community of faith growing spiritually by serving others and Creation through meaningful worship and music accompanied by compassionate, thoughtful care and outreach.