

First Congregational Church of Ithaca
Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 2, 2021)

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Prelude Rhosymedre (Welsh hymn tune) Ralph Vaughan Williams
Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (Adapted from the UCC *Book of Worship*, liturgy for Easter)

Jesus said, "Love one another."

We gather to know the God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

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When we live in love we live in God and our sense of peace will grow.

***Hymn** I Danced in the Morning (see insert, #157 vv 1-2, 4-5)

***Confession and Assurance of Grace**

The grace of God overflows for us through the Risen Christ who came into the world to save humanity. Trusting in God's grace, let us pray:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Sung Response**

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Scripture Lessons

Psalms 22:25-28

Acts 8:26-39

1 John 4:11-12

John 15:3-5

Anthem

Laudate Dominum

W. A. Mozart

Sermon

"Picking a Past and the Significance of Small Actions in Saving the World"

***Hymn** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (see insert, #526 vv 1-2)

Morning Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Litany Prayer

Leader: We pray to God

People: Hear us, O God

Sung Response *Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (twice).*

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Sharing our Gifts

Schaffe koennen sicher weiden

J.S. Bach

***Doxology** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.*

Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (see insert, #526 v 3)

Sharing the Lord's Supper

Reverie

Claude Debussy

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Teach us, O God, to follow the example of Christ's sacrifice in this holy meal: to hand ourselves over in love for you, for one another, and for all people. May we take part in your work of suffering and redeeming love by lifting up the oppressed, binding the brokenhearted, challenging the powerful, and drawing all into a community of love.

We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(Adapted from the UCC *Book of Worship*)

*Hymn	Be Thou My Vision	(see insert, #450)
*Benediction		
Postlude	Jig Fugue in C Major	Dietrich Buxtehude

*** Congregation stands (*live-streamers, feel free to lift your hearts!*)**

Participating Today

Rev. Dr. David A. Kaden, Senior Minister
Susan Fast, Director of Caring Ministries, sustfast@yahoo.com
Dr. William Cowdery, Director of Music
Anne Rodda, soprano soloist
Paul Viscuso, accordion
David J. Kaden, tech support

157 I Danced in the Morning



1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

Refrain

(F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)

Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)

Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher-ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)

Gm C7 F Bb F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

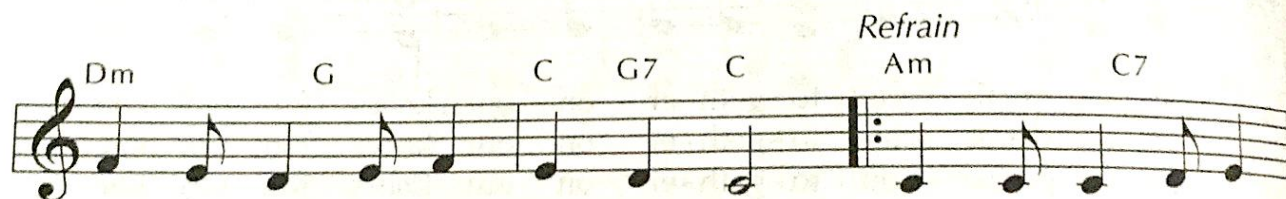
526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



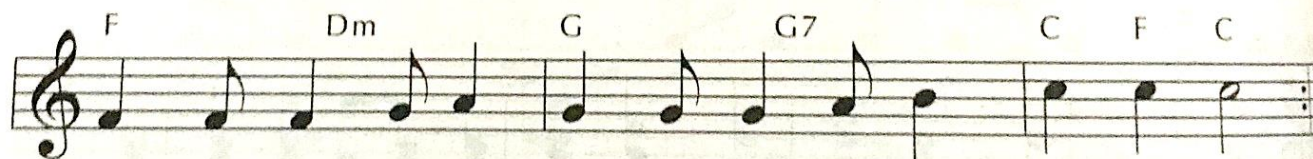
1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: . . . :||

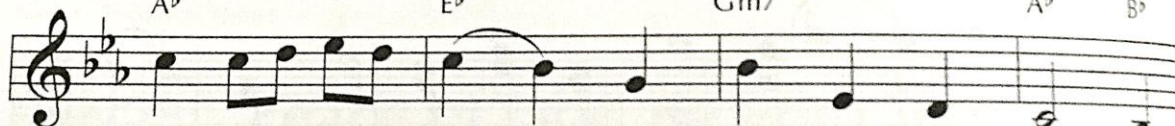
Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)
E^b(G)
A^b(D/F#)
E^b/G(A7)
B^b7(D)
E^b

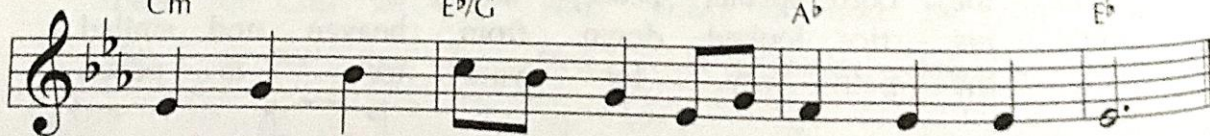
1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)
B^b(D)
E^b(G)
A^b(A)
B^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)
A^b(D)
E^b(F#m7)
Gm7(G)
A^b(A)
B^b

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)
Cm(D/F#)
E^b/G(G)
A^b(D)
E^b

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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