

NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Graduate Recognition

May 24, 2009

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

† All who are able please stand

GATHERING

Easter Hymn Sing

Easter hymns are found in the Chalice Hymnal between pages 215 and 234.

Feel free to suggest a hymn, and we will sing a verse or two.

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Jordan Johnson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

All: Our life is hidden with Christ in God.

One: The one who descended is also ascended far above the heavens that he might fill all things.

All: When Christ, our Life, appears, we shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!

† HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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† PRAYER OF ADORATION

Creator God,

we your humble children invoke your blessing upon us.

We adore you, whose name is love,

whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy,

whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness,

whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace,

whose service is perfect freedom

and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Celtic Alleluia

F. O'Carroll, C. Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
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† THE PEACE

Turn and greet one another with a handclasp, saying:

“The peace of Christ be with you”, and answering, “And also with you.”

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Katrina McGillivray

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (vs. 1) # 222

Children, preschool through 5th grade, are invited forward for the Children's Sermon. Afterward, children grades 3-5 may return to their seats to continue worship. Children preschool – 2nd grade may go to LL 11 for Children's Worship.

TIME FOR GOOD NEWS

John Burnett

PRAISE RESPONSE

Thank You, Lord (vs. 1) # 531

FIRST READING

John 17:6-19 NT Page 109

SECOND READING

Acts 1:1-11 NT Page 115

MUSICAL OFFERING

Introduction, Theme, and Variations Hal Hopson
Bell Choir

SERMON

"Commencement" Rev. Marie F. Fleming

† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those wishing to become members of North Christian Church are invited to join the minister at the front of the sanctuary during the singing of the hymn. New members are welcomed in a first time profession of faith or by transfer of membership. All forms of Christian baptism are recognized.

† HYMN OF DEDICATION

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun # 95

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

One: Let us pray. For Life, O Lord.

All: We give you thanks!

One: We give you thanks this day especially for the lives of these young persons. Give them strength. Give them courage. Give them a vision of the persons you have redeemed them to be.

All: Endow them with the grace of kindness and compassion; enrich them with Christian endurance when generous service wearies them.

One: Awaken their minds to the wholeness of your creation; grant that they may remain curious about the nature of things and that their daily inquiries may reveal to them your presence.

All: Grant us the grace to unite with them in the body of Christ, heeding together Christ's call to lives of service and praise.

One: Bind our hearts in Christian love.

All: Unite us by your Spirit wherever the enterprise of life takes us, in the name of God our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, our comfort and our guide. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

COMMUNION HYMN In Remembrance of Me # 403

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING *Improvisation on Duke Street*

DOXOLOGY Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow # 50

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Introductory Dialogue

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Caroline Cox-Smith, Elder

The 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 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Persons of all denominations are invited to the Table of the Lord. The bread is received individually; the deacon retains the tray as worshippers pass the loaf to those seated next to them. The cup is retained for partaking in unison following the Memorial Acclamation by the minister.

Memorial Acclamation Dying You Destroyed Our Death *Richard Proulx*

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus come in glory.**

Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **HYMN** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! # 91

† **TAKING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD** Jordan Johnson

† **CHARGE**

† **POSTLUDE** *Toccata in F* *Pachelbel*