

February 28, 2021

We are worshipping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of God's vibrant energy and grace for all.



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I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP Prayer is the movement of the heart of a person toward God; a movement that in a sense is within God—God in the heart sharing its life with God the Creator of all Life. ~ Howard Thurman GATHERING SONG #205 *Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)* LIFE AT FIRST FPC TRIO arr. Catherine McMichael Morning Has Broken LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE O Lord, with each returning morn, your image to our heart is born; O may we ever clearly view our Savior and our God in you. This light (light the candle) is the light of Christ, born anew in our hearts. Come Jesus, Light of the world. Fill us with light so we may shine with your love. Amen. In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified HYMN #468

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Taken from Isaiah 56

Holy God, you have said through your prophet Isaiah: And as for the outsiders who now follow me, working for me, loving my name, and wanting to be my servants— All who keep Sabbath and don't defile it, holding fast to my covenant— I'll bring them to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer.

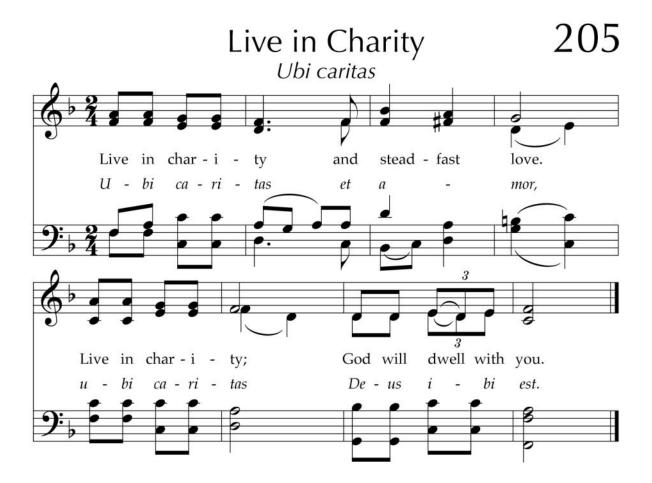
We confess that we often treat those who are different from us as the 'outsiders.' We don't recognize all people as Children of God, made in your image. We divide the world into 'them' and 'us.' Forgive us for not using this sanctuary as a house of prayer for all people.



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In your grace and mercy change our hearts to be the welcoming people we desire to be. May justice rule our hearts so that we can gather in all those your have already called to yourself. Amen.

ANTHEM/TRIO	Blessed Assurance	arr. Catherine McMichael
TIME WITH CHILDREN		
SCRIPTURE	Mark 11:12-25	
SERMON	A House for All Nations	Rev. Linda Male
HYMN	#317	In Christ There Is No East or West
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		
OFFERING		
CLOSING HYMN	#737	Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song
BENEDICTION		Rev. Linda Male
SONG OF BLESSING	#838	Standing on the Promises (vs. 1)





THE CHURCH





TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

