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**AFTER  
EASTER**



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Jesus said, “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples” (John 15:8, NRSV). Part of discipleship is worship, which strengthens us to bear the fruit of love.  
Welcome.

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Prelude Duet     *Sonata XI in D minor III movement*     arr. Louis Moyse

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

\* Call to Worship John 8:12 NRSVUE

Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

\* Opening Prayer <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

Lord of Lords, illumine our hearts this day, that we may feel your glory and live into the hope to which you have called us. Amen.

\* Opening Song     *This Little Light of Mine*     # 762 <sup>VT</sup>

Verse 1:

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Verse 2:

Ev’rywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine!  
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Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Verse 3:

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Verse 4:

Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

### Time with our Children

#### Reading from Acts

Acts 18:1-4 NRSVUE

18 After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he found a Jew named Aquila from Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. <sup>4</sup>Every Sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

#### Song

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

# 6 4 7 <sup>VT</sup>

*Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Verse 1:

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

Verse 2:

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, “He died for all.” *Refrain*

## Congregational Prayer

# WORSHIP IN GIVING

## Thoughts on Giving

#1017 <sup>VT</sup>

Jesus of love and leftovers, we struggle with what to share and how much is enough. Sometimes we are the disciples, quietly suggesting you send the needy crowds away. Sometimes we are the crowds, bringing only our desire to be close to you. When we have little, embolden us to share it. When we have nothing, welcome us to stay and eat. In giving and receiving, we participate in the miracle of enough. Thank you, Jesus.

## Special Music

*The Old Rugged Cross*

George Bennard

# LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

## Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 1:10-18 NRSVUE

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus

and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Song**                      *In Christ There Is No East or West*                      #390 <sup>VT</sup>

Verse 1:

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Verse 2:

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find.  
His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Verse 3:

Join hands, then, people of the faith, whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

Verse 4:

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth.

**Sermon**                      “Wise Words”

**Response to the Word** (in unison)                      #926 <sup>VT</sup>

Dear Jesus, I confess my need of you. I am sorry for my sin, and I trust that you forgive me. I accept your love and grace for me and welcome you into my heart and into my life. Help me believe in you and love you every day, and help me show the world how great your love is. I commit my life into your hands. Amen.

# GO IN GOD'S NAME

## \* Closing Song

*The Church's One Foundation*

#397 <sup>VT</sup>

### Verse 1:

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
we are a new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and taught us what perfect love can be;  
through life and death he sought us, and rose to set us free.

### Verse 2:

The church in ev'ry nation is one through all the earth;  
our charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth;  
one name together blessing, one holy food we share,  
to one hope ever pressing, at one in work and prayer.

### Verse 3:

Still, schisms, tribulation, and hatred fuel our war;  
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore.  
The saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

### Verse 4:

Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

## \* Benediction

#1056 <sup>VT</sup>

God dearly loves us, and through Christ left us an example, that  
we might follow in his footsteps. Christ is the light that has come  
into the world; may God grant that this light shine around you,  
and that you walk in it. Amen.

## Postlude

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

Doris M. Akers

*\* Please stand as able and led*



<b>Ministers</b> .....	<b>All Members</b>
Pastor.....	David Whitten
Minister of Music .....	Vanessa Morton
Worship Leader .....	David Brunk
Children's Time .....	Sarah Hartman
Special Music .....	Vanessa Morton & Dave Whitten
Flautist .....	Sarah Hartman
Guitarist.....	David Whitten
Dir. of Media & Tech.....	Kevin Beers

# PRAYER list...

Neria Shelton	Bobby Fetterman	Susan Bingham	
Donna Secrist	Lib Kinzie	Karla Novick	Betty Ziegler

**VIRLINA DISTRICT PRAYER:** Pray for Ministry and Mission Day in Virlina, which will take place on Saturday May 4 at Cloverdale Church of the Brethren in Cloverdale, Virginia. Let us rejoice at the opportunity to be equipped for the ministry that God has prepared for us.

