

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The entire worship service will be streamed live starting at 9:30am at
<http://www.firsthamilton.ca/live>

WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 am

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

Prelude: *Hymnal #565 God Himself Is with Us* (Public Domain)

GOD GATHERS US

Welcome

Opening Prayer: *Worship Sourcebook, 1.1.6 pg. 47*

O God,
we joyously come together to worship,
realizing we need not summon you into our midst,
for you are here.
We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts,
for you are there.
We need our eyes of faith to be opened,
that we may see you;
our ears to be unstopped,
that we may hear you;
our minds to be sensitive,
that we may know you;
our hearts to be tender,
that we may receive you.
Grant each one a blessing, O Lord,
as each has need,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Call to Worship: *From Psalm 22 (NIV)*

Leader: I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.

People: You who fear the LORD, praise him!

Leader: For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

People: The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him--

Leader: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

People: for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations

Leader: future generations will be told about the Lord.

People: They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

* *Song: Hymnal #540 Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (Public Domain)

* Greetings:

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

* **Song: Hymnal #608 Salvation Belongs to Our God**

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GOD RENEWS US

Call to Confession: *1 John 4:7-8*

Prayer of Confession: *Hymnal #640*

Leader: Merciful God,

People: we confess that we have sinned against you

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,

so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Assurance of Pardon and Call to Holy Living: *1 John 4:9-10*

Song: Hymnal #624 Not What My Hands Have Done (Public Domain)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession | Jules de Jager

GOD SPEAKS WITH US

First Reading: *Acts 8:26-40*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Psalm: *Psalm 22:25-31*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: *1 John 4: 7-21*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading: *John 15:1-8*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: Remain in Me

Prayer

* **Song: Hymnal #738 Jesus, All for Jesus**

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GOD NOURISHES US

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation

Partaking in the Bread and Cup

GOD RECEIVES OUR OFFERINGS

Offering: First Offering: First Hamilton CRC Budget

Second Offering: Short Term Mission Fund

Ways to give:

- 1) **PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance):** (to get set up with PAR, please email office@firsthamilton.ca)
- 2) **CanadaHelps.org:** <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/first-hamilton-christian-reformed-church/>
(please put a note with designation details in the message area)
- 3) Or, by **mailing** a cheque to 195 Charlton Ave W. Hamilton, ON L8P 2C9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD SENDS US

* Blessing

* **Song: Hymnal #908 Christ Be Our Light** (One License #A-713971)

Postlude: *Hymnal #334 May the Mind of Christ My Savior* (One License #A-713971)

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Descant

4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,
F C7 F

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train joins your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;
C F C7 F

bow be - fore you. Saints on earth your rule ac - claim;
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

un - di - vid - ed God, we claim you, and, a - dor - ing,
C Gm

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God, we claim you, and, a - dor - ing,

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

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bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.



vast do - main; ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.



Salvation Belongs to Our God

G
D/F#
Em
C
G/B

C
Dsus
D
G
D/F#
Em
D
C
G/B

C
Dsus
D
F
C
Dsus
D

Refrain
G
D
C
G/D
D
G
8^{sub}
D

C
G/D
D
C2
G/B
1G
D.S.
2G
Dsus
D
3G
To Refrain *Fine*

8^{sub}

1 Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God, who sits up - on the
 (2 And) we, the re - deemed, shall be strong in pur - pose and

throne, _____ 7 and to the Lamb. Praise and glo - ry,
 u - ni - ty, de - clar - ing a - loud:

wis - dom and thanks, hon - or and pow - er and strength

be to our God for - ev - er and ev - er, be to our God for -

ev - er and ev - er. A - men. 2 And

Not What My Hands Have Done

D G Em7/G E7/G# A

1 Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;
 2 Your voice a - lone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;
 3 I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine;

D A/C# Bm G (♩) D/A A7 D

not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.
 your power a - lone, O Son of God, can all my sin e - rase.
 and with un - fal - tering lip and heart I call this Sav - ior mine.

G D Bm F#m

Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
 No oth - er work but yours, no oth - er blood will do;
 My Lord has saved my life and free - ly par - don gives;

D F# G Em D/A A7 D

not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 no strength but that which is di - vine can bear me safe - ly through.
 I love be - cause he first loved me, I live be - cause he lives.

Jesus, All for Jesus

Je - sus, all for Je - sus, all I

am and have and ev - er hope to be.

All of my am - bi-tions,

hopes, and plans— I sur - ren - der these

in - to your hands. For it's

G D/A D

on - ly in your will that I am free.

G A/G G

For it's on - ly in your will that

D A D

I am free. Je - sus,

G D A

all for Je - sus, all I am and have

D

and ev - er hope to be.

Christ, Be Our Light

Em Am7 D Esus Em

1 Long - ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, — ma - ny are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, ma - ny are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Ma - ny the gifts, — ma - ny the peo - ple, ma - ny the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em7/D Am7

truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
 hope, — man - y de - spair. Your Word a - lone —
 > wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
 warmth, — ma - ny are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 > bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em Bm

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Em Am7 D G Dsus D Em

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Em7/D C Am7 D G Am7 1-4 G 5 G

Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

Optional prayer litany

Let us pray in spoken and sung word.

Light of the World . . . *Sing stanzas 1-2*

We pray for all peacemakers . . . *Sing stanza 3*

We pray for all who provide food and water . . . *Sing stanza 4*

We pray for all who provide shelter . . . *Sing stanza 5*

Lord Jesus Christ, sun of righteousness,
in a world that so often seems cold and heartless,
your grace breaks in with warmth and light.

**How grateful we are for the privilege of your call
to us to reflect this warmth and light as mirrors of your grace.
May we reflect this light so that many will see it
and bring praise to you, the true light of the world. Amen.**