



ARCH STREET
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024 /10:45 a.m.

**"We are God's lighthouse:
a compassionate and inclusive community
that welcomes everyone to join us as
we do justice, promote equity,
show kindness, love mercy,
and walk humbly with God."**

ASPC's Revised Mission Statement

Order of Worship

Prelude

J. Donald Dumpson

Work of the Community

Carla Jones Brown

***Song of Praise**

I Give Myself Away

Congregation

I give myself away. I give myself away, so You can use me. (2x)

**Here I am, here I stand, Lord, my life is in your hands.
Lord, I'm longing to see, Your desires revealed in me.**

I give myself away. I give myself away, so You can use me. (2x)

Take my heart, take my life, as a living sacrifice.

All my dreams, all my plans, Lord I place them in your hands.

I give myself away. I give myself away, so You can use me. (2x)

My life is not my own, to You I belong;

I give myself, I give myself to you. (repeat)

Call to Worship *(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2023).*

Leader: Easter people, raise your voices, for you belong to the Risen Christ!

People: **We belong to Christ, and so we share in Christ together.**

Leader: Just as we share in Christ together, so we are called
to share Christ with the world.

People: **We share Christ by proclaiming the good news
of God's love to the world**

Leader: How will you share God's love with the world?

People: **By loving, respecting, and honoring our neighbors,
especially those the world neglects, overlooks, and ignores.**

Leader: Easter people, you belong to the Risen Christ!

People: **Because we belong to Christ, we will share Christ's love
and belonging everywhere we go.**

***Hymn** *(see insert)*

Today We Are Called To Be Disciples

Congregation

Mother's Day Litany

People: **We walk in the company of the women who have gone
before, Mothers of the faith both named and unnamed,**

Leader: Testifying with ferocity and faith to the Spirit of Wisdom and Healing.
They are the judges, the prophets, the martyrs, the warriors, poets,
lovers and Saints who are near to us in the shadow of awareness,
in the crevices of memory, in the landscape of our dreams.

- People:** **We walk in the company of Deborah,**
Leader: who judged the Israelites with authority and strength.
- People:** **We walk in the company of Esther,**
Leader: who used her position as Queen to ensure the welfare of her people.
- People:** **We walk in the company of you whose names have been lost and silenced,**
Leader: who kept and cradled the wisdom of the ages.
- People:** **We walk in the company of the woman with the flow of blood,**
Leader: who audaciously sought her healing and release.
- People:** **We walk in the company of Mary Magdalene,**
Leader: who wept at the empty tomb until the risen Christ appeared.
- People:** **We walk in the company of Phoebe,**
Leader: who led an early church in the empire of Rome.
- People:** **We walk in the company of Perpetua of Carthage,**
Leader: whose witness in the third century led to her martyrdom.
- People:** **We walk in the company of Saint Christina the Astonishing,**
Leader: who resisted death with persistence and wonder.
- People:** **We walk in the company of Julian of Norwich,**
Leader: who wed imagination and theology proclaiming, "all shall be well."
- People:** **We walk in the company of Sojourner Truth,**
Leader: who stood against oppression, righteously declaring, "ain't I a woman!" in 1852.
- People:** **We walk in the company of Alice Walker,**
Leader: who named the lavender hue of womanish strength.
- People:** **We walk in the company of you Mothers of the faith,**
Leader: who teach us to resist evil with boldness, to lead with wisdom, and to heal.

A moment for silent reflection and confession

Leader: We entrust these prayers to you O God. Amen

All: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Passing the Peace** Amen, Amen, Amen! Congregation
Leader: Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Sung Response of Thanksgiving** Thank You, Lord Congregation
Thank You Lord (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.
Been So Good (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.
Saved My Soul (3x) I just want to thank you Lord.

Scripture Reading Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 NRSV

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus -- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us--one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon Chosen Family Carla Jones Brown

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the table

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 and 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.

Distribution of Elements

Communion Music Table of Grace Congregation

Come to the table of grace (2x).

This is God's table not just yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of peace.

Offering of Self

Carla Jones Brown

***Offering Music**

ASPC Choir and Congregation

Benediction

Carla Jones Brown

****Please stand as you are able.***

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1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

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