



May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m.

Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Quoniam Tu Solus Sanctus

Adrian Vernon Fish (b. 1956)

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT

Christ the Lord is Risen Again!

Anthony Foster (1926-2012)

*He who bore all pain and loss, comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry: Alleluia!*

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: The LORD is our shepherd.

ALL: We shall want for nothing.

ONE: The LORD leads us to peaceful places.

ALL: The LORD restores our souls.

ONE: Even though we walk through the darkest valleys ...

ALL: ... we fear no evil, for the LORD is with us.

ONE: Surely goodness and mercy follows us all the days of our lives.

ALL: And we shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

ONE: Let us worship God.

*** GATHERING HYMN 15**

All Creatures of Our God and King

** Please stand in body or spirit*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Will Packard

ONE: We are a people born of water and the Spirit. We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples, and to show his love to our life's end. Although we fall short of those promises, God's faithful love endures forever.

Confident of God's grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of this world.

ALL: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fear of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change. Open us to a future in which we can be changed. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus the Christ, grant us grace to grow more and more into your Easter people in this Good Friday world.

Personal prayer in silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Megan Klose

ONE: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

* GLORY TO GOD 583

The musical notation is written on two staves in 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of the hymn is 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!'. The second line is 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. There are asterisks above the first and third measures of each line, indicating where to begin singing.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979

Music © 1979, 1981 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

GLORIA (Taizé)

* PASSING THE PEACE

Megan Klose

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 453 (sung twice)



God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

TEXT: Willard F. Jabusch, 1966; rev. 1982
MUSIC: Hasidic melody; arr. Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 2006
Text © 1966, 1982 Willard F. Jabusch (Published by OCP)
Music Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

YISRAEL V'ORAITA
9.8.9.5 with refrain

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

Will Packard

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Children ages 4 and up are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in Room 204.

THE WORD IN MUSIC

Allelujah from *Esther* (HWV 50)

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Katherine Brode, soprano

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:31-39

Megan Klose

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

I Am Convinced

Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Megan Klose

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER FAITHFULLY

Drew Luten

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Will Packard

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors Yena and Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

Please keep in your prayers:

Ansley McCraw, niece of Shawn Sledge, diagnosed with stage 4 angiosarcoma

Hope Robarge, mother of Marc Robarge, in the hospital after a fall

Janet Bickel, recovering after fracturing her spine in a bike accident

Cynthia Hintze, sister of Carol Kercheval, with a recurrence of cancer

The family of Philip David Patten, cousin of Frank Burdette, who died April 24

Andrea Brown, with health concerns

Pastor Yena's family as they travel to South Korea

Bill Armstrong, Carolyn Armstrong, Cam Brown, Avery Burns, Jay Campbell,

Winnie Harris-Zoellner, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh, with ongoing health concerns

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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Megan Klose

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions.

Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online through our secure giving portal (fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Good News

arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

Refrain: *Good News, Chariot's comin', and I don't want it to leave me behind.*

There's a long wide robe in Heaven I know, and I don't want it to leave me behind. [Refrain]

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

There's a pair of shoes in heaven, I know, and I don't want it to leave me behind. [Refrain]

* DOXOLOGY 605

Praise to God the Father



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;



praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.



Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.



Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

TEXT: Anon.
MUSIC: Ghanaian melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
Music Arr. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

DA N'ASE
Irregular

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Megan Klose

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, cloth the poor, quench the thirsty and shelter the vulnerable. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

* SENDING HYMN 295

Go to the World!

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Megan Klose

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again!

Anthony Foster (1926-2012)

Amen! Christ the Lord is risen again!

POSTLUDE

Solemn Processional

Robert Harris (b. 1928)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Will Packard
Ushers	Marsha Schuyler, Clay Warner
Audio/Video	Alexi Hawkins
Sexton	Will Packard
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Tobi and Rob Brock in loving memory of their mothers, Margaret Brock and Juanita Wallace, and in celebration of their seventh wedding anniversary.

Special thanks to former soprano section leader Katherine Brode for joining us in worship and singing with us this morning.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor.

There are nametag boards outside of the sanctuary side entrance. Please make a nametag and wear it as a sign of hospitality.

Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex.

A recording of today's service can be found at www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon.

If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please talk to one of the pastors as you exit the sanctuary. More information can be found on our website.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. **The Kids' Corner** at the front right side of the Sanctuary is where children and their grownups can play, read, or color while in worship. Children up to age 4: The last class for BibleFun this spring will be on May 18 at 10:00 a.m. Today, child care is offered in Room 201. Paid nursery workers tend to our youngest disciples. **Children ages 4 and up:** Godly Play is offered in Room 204 following the first scripture reading.

Fellowship Hour

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Announcements

Music Sunday + Bring a Friend to Church Day, May 18. Music Sunday is the perfect time to bring a friend to church! Share the joy of uplifting music, meaningful worship, and gracious community with someone who is curious, looking for a church home, or who simply likes music. May 18 is also the Chancel Choir's last Sunday with us before they break for the summer.

Funeral planning. Planning your own funeral ahead of time is a gift to those who survive you. If you don't know where to begin, or if you already have a plan and want to file it somewhere, contact Pastors Yena or Megan to schedule an appointment. We have lots of resources to help you write your final instructions.

Save the Date! Church Picnic, June 1. Join us for food, fellowship, and tons of fun at the annual church picnic immediately following our 10:00 worship service on Sunday, June 1. Sign up info coming soon!

Graduation Recognition, June 1. We will honor our graduates during worship on Sunday, June 1. If you or a family member is graduating with a high school or college degree, please send your information and a picture to office@fallschurchpresby.org.

Inspired to become part of Welcome Table? If you missed Jenny Lansbury's Minute for Ministry on May 4, please speak to Jenny about opportunities to help cook or serve food at our twice-monthly meal. We would love to have new volunteers!

Project 66/52. The congregation is reading the entire Bible in 2025. More information is in the Friday egram and at fallschurchpresby.org/6652. This week's reading plan:

Sun. 5/11	1 Chronicles <u>1, 2, 3</u>
Mon. 5/12	1 Chronicles <u>4, 5</u> ; Psalm <u>77</u>
Tue. 5/13	1 Chronicles <u>6, 7</u> ; Psalms <u>78, 79</u>
Wed. 5/14	1 Chronicles <u>8, 9</u> ; Psalm <u>80</u>
Thu. 5/15	1 Chronicles <u>10, 11, 12</u>
Fri. 5/16	1 Chronicles <u>13, 14, 15</u> ; Psalm <u>81</u>
Sat. 5/17	1 Chronicles <u>16, 17, 18</u>

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 11 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room

VOICE + Justice Ministry Team, 9:00 a.m., Room 303

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary and online

Monday, May 12

Community Building Ministry Team, 7:00 p.m., Library

Deacons, 7:30 p.m., Zoom

Tuesday, May 13

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom

Session, 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

Wednesday, May 14

Wednesday Evening Project 66/52 Group, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Thursday, May 15

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Friday, May 16 – *No scheduled events*

Saturday, May 17

Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Chancel Choir Brunch, noon, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 18 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Matthew 25 Group, 9:00 a.m., Room 303

Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room

BibleFun, 10:00 a.m., Room 206

Special Music Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary and online

Youth Group End-of-Year Celebration, 6:00 p.m., offsite

*Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians,
“working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking
understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.”
Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality, dismantle
structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.*

The Rev. Yena Hwang, Pastor

The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

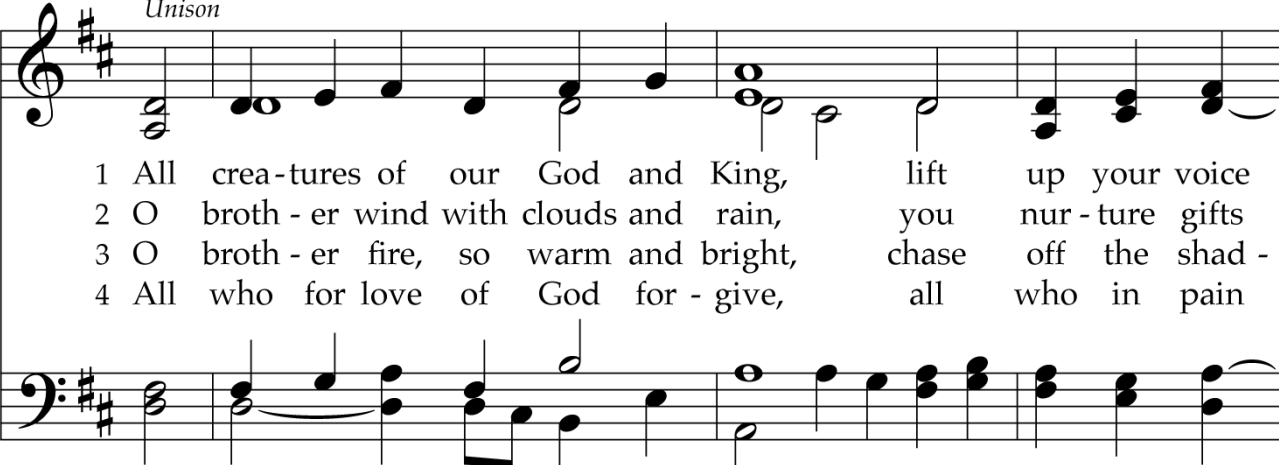
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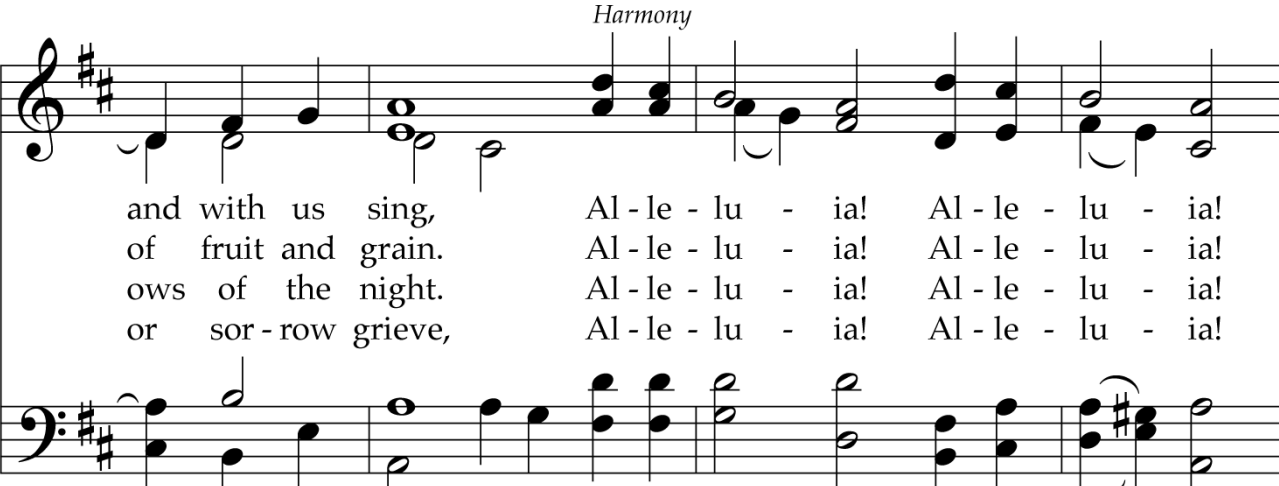
15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison



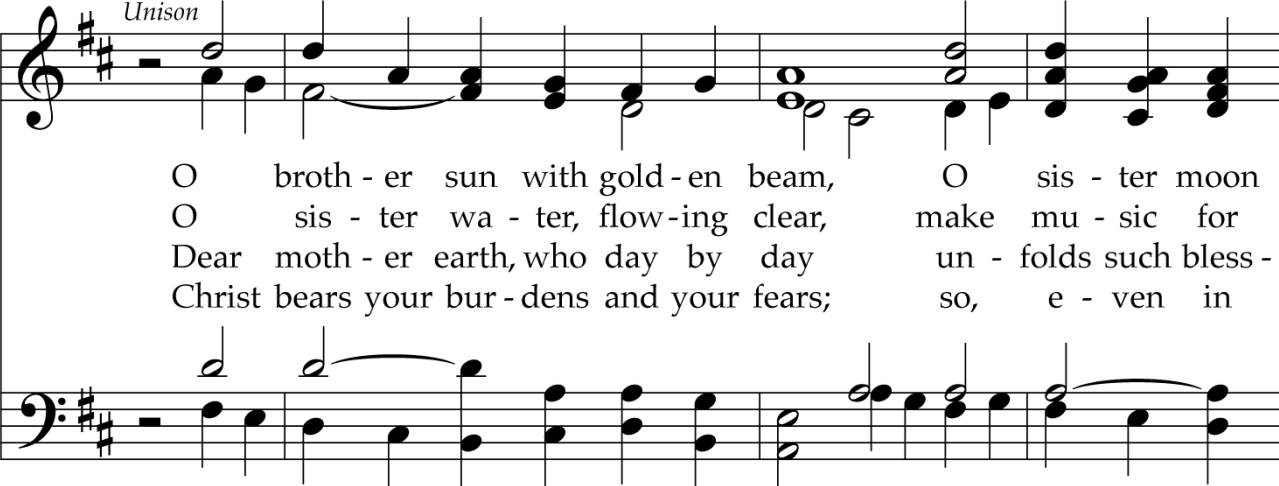
1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth - er wind with clouds and rain, you nur - ture gifts
 3 O broth - er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad -
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain

Harmony



and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ous of the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



O broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O sis - ter moon
 O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for
 Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - folds such bless -
 Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

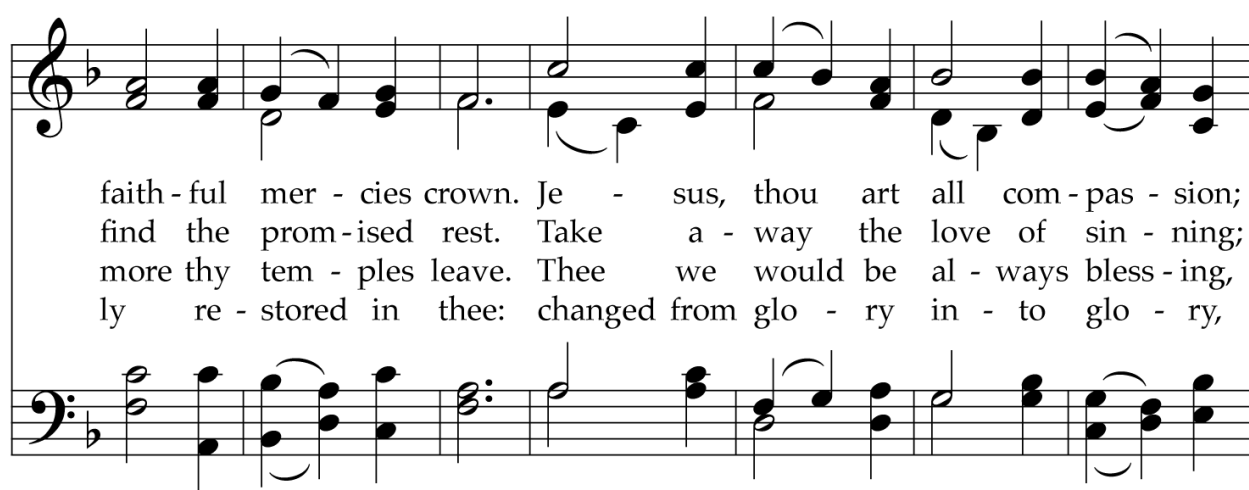
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

Go to the World!

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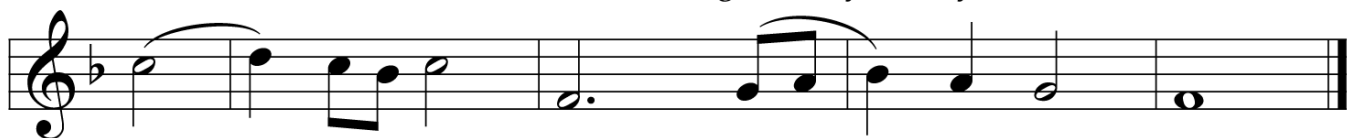
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19–20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985

MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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SINE NOMINE

10.10.10 with alleluias