

**Order of Worship
4th Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022**

Prelude

Laura Murach

Welcome

Deacon

Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here!

People: We'll find the Risen Christ in all Creation.

Leader: If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

People: Christ is leading a dance of joy.

Leader: If you question what your faith calls you to do, Come here!

People: Christ's life shows us the way.

Leader: Come here, sisters and brothers!

People: To give blessing and honor and glory to God!

Hymn

Jesus Call Us, o'er the Tumult

NCH #172

Message for All

Sarah Pradhan

Scripture

Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture,

Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

Psalm 137:1-6 and Matthew 13:53-58

The grass withers and the flower fades,

But the Word of God shall stand forever.

Message

You Can't Go Home Again

Rev. Randy Hyvonen

Hymn

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

NCH #351

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayers.

Disciple'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, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

Listen to Your Savior Call

NCH # 250

Charge and Blessing

**No matter the brightness of the day
Or the clear skies of night,
Our God is moving with us,
The Christ is calling to us "Peace be with you,"
And the Holy Spirit is surrounding us.
May Divine Serenity be our companion as we build
the realm of God on earth. Amen!**

Parting Song

God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again (modified)

God be with You till we meet again.
By God's counsels guide, uphold you.
God will place arms all around you.
God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Our guest minister for today is Rev Randy Hyvonen. Born and raised in Montana, Randy is a graduate of Stanford University and Vanderbilt Divinity School. He served several churches in Ohio prior to becoming part of the conference ministry teams, first in Ohio, then in the Pacific Northwest Conference and finally in the Montana-Northern Wyoming Conference. His retirement in 2011 did not last long as he served as Interim Conference Minister for seven months in the Southeast Conference in 2013-2014 and he continues to do interim/bridge ministry in local churches, most recently in Southwick and Westfield Massachusetts. Randy and his wife Karen moved to South Hadley Mass in 2015. Welcome to FCCG Randy!