

PENTECOST

JUNE 4, 2017

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Unity project in Whitmore Playground – 10:50 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Carol Buller

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER**

Renee Reimer

One: O God, who called all life into being,

All: the earth, sea, and sky are yours.

One: Your presence is all around us;

All: Atoms full of your energy.

One: Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth;

All: With her we yearn for justice to be done,

One: For creation to be freed from bondage,

All: For the hungry to be fed,

One: For captives to be released,

All: For your kingdom of peace to come on earth! AMEN.

*HYMN SS #122

Let all creation dance

STORYTELLING AND DEDICATING

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Harder

ANTHEM

O Blessed Spring

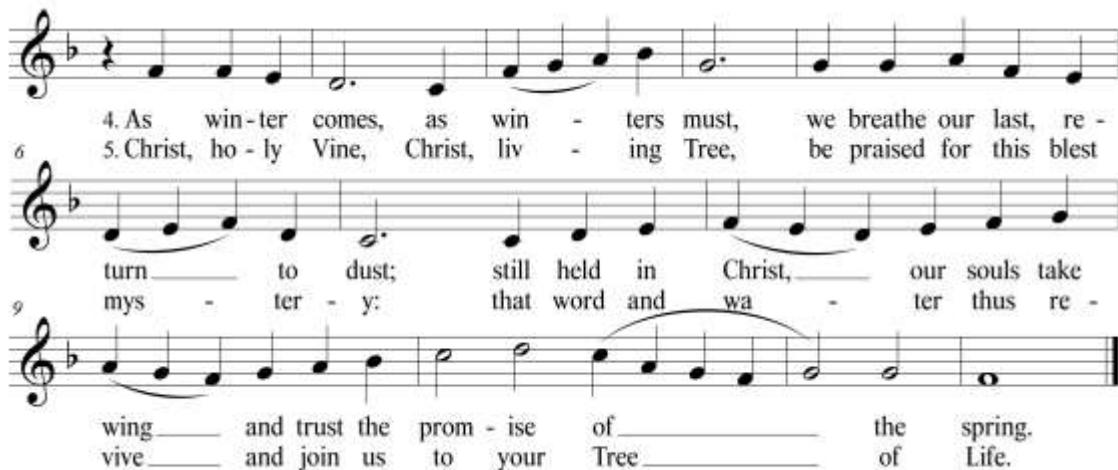
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(see next page; congregation join for stanzas 4 and 5)

Melissa Funk, Christina Hofer, Natasha VanDyke, Duane Graber

Nick Schroeder, Christian Buller; Nancy Bosché, organ

1. O blessed spring, where word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine:
Here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this life-giving Tree.
2. Through summer heat of youthful years, uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
Sustained by Christ's infusing rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.
3. When autumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move, with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.



4. As win-ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our last, re -
 5. Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for this blest
 turn _____ to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
 mys - ter - y; that word and wa - ter thus re -
 wing _____ and trust the prom - ise of _____ the spring.
 vive _____ and join us to your Tree _____ of Life.

SERMON

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Invitation

Sharing Bread and Cup

Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.

*Hymn of Response SS #123

Let us talents and tongues employ

COMMUNITY BUILDING

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

*SENDING FORTH***

***All: We go into a world of God's wondrous works and wisdom.
May we go as stewards of land and sea and all creatures,
loving and sharing with others on the way, singing praises to God.***

*HYMN SS #16

Peace before us

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

As the seasons change at Rainbow, we change our hymnals.

As you leave, please place the purple Sing the Story hymnals in the boxes at the door.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SS" are in the green *Sing the Story* hymnal.

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Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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