



**Sunday, May 21, 2023**  
**9:30 am**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Confirmation Sunday**

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REFLECTION

*“As the butterfly’s cozy environment cracks further open still, it is the effort of the process of emerging that makes change possible — waking up, rolling away the stone, unwrapping what will be...”*  
*Rev. Marcia McFee*

PRELUDE

*“Psalm 23”*

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Before we chose a life of faith, we wondered.....

**where will this path lead me?**

When we are confronted with limitations, we wonder.....

**what can I do to move past this obstacle?**

When we are frozen with fear and sidelined by doubt, we wonder.....

**what if this hesitation didn’t hold me back?**

When we are in need of physical or spiritual healing, we wonder.....

**could the hand of God reach me, even here?**

Then the love of the Divine reminds us,

**“You too are my child. You can emerge to renewed life. Again and again.” Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 157

*“I Danced In The Morning”*

LORD OF THE DANCE

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon  
and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

***Refrain:* Dance, then, wherever you may be;**

**I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,**

**and I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be,**

**and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would  
not follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.  
They came with me and the dance went on.

***Refrain***

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame. The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die.

***Refrain***

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It’s hard to dance with devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I’d gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.

***Refrain***

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that will never, never die.  
I’ll live in you if you’ll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

***Refrain***

\*LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Come to Christ, the living stone, chosen and precious in God's sight.

**We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's chosen people.**

Like living stones, be built yourselves into a spiritual house.

**We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's chosen people.**

Offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's chosen people.**

Declare the wonderful deeds of Christ who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.**

Once you were no people but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

**We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people. AMEN.**

RESPONSE

*"Behold, I Make All Things New"*

Iona Community

Behold, behold. I make all things new  
beginning with you and starting from today.  
Behold, behold. I make all things new  
My promise is true. For I am Christ the way.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON

Mark 2:1-5

Page 34, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Behold, How Good"*

Michael John Trotta

SECOND LESSON

John 11:38-44

Page 98, NT

SERMON

*"Emerge Into New Life:  
Roof Breakers and Stone Rollers"*

Rev. William Schram

\*HYMN NO. 769

*"For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table"*

FOR EVERYONE BORN

1. For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

***Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are  
creators of justice, justice and joy!***

2. For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair,

***Refrain***

3. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong,

***Refrain***

4. For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live,

***Refrain***

5. For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,

***Refrain***

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*We welcome into the family of God through baptism Chase Alexander Blasko, son of Andrew and Bethany Blasko, born February 17, 2023.*

## RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS INTO MEMBERSHIP

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

## INVITATION TO GIVING

### \*HYMN NO. 647

*"Give Thanks"*

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. Give Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. Give Son.  
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";  
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";  
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
Give thanks. Give thanks.

### \* BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*"Psalm XIX"*

Benedetto Marcell

NOTE: Today's hymns were selected by the Confirmation Class

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\*Please rise in body or spirit

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram  
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