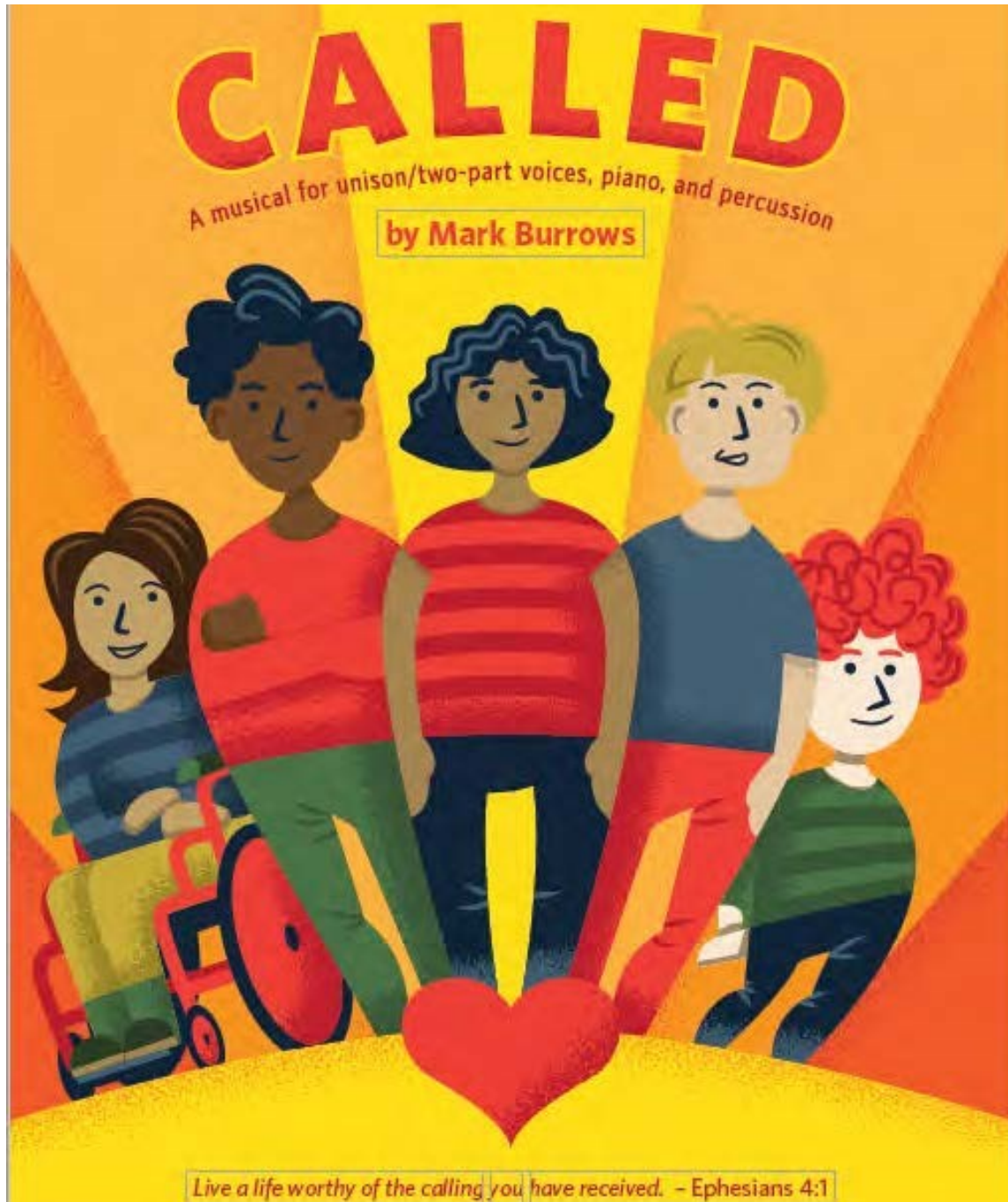


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
April 28, 2024
11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Carla Knobler, Interim Associate Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

PRELUDE

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" that is grape juice and a gluten free wafer. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit.

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
☑ **Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

↑ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

- ☐ The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always
☑ **And also with you.**
We share a sign of God's peace.

↑ GATHERING HYMN *We Are Called*

ELW Hymn 720

- 1 **Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!**
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain-We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God

- 2 **Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!**
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

- 3 **Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!**
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

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↑ GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
☑ **And also with you.**

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
☑ **Amen.**

FIRST READING Micah 6:6-8

see back page

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-3

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THE MESSAGE *Called, by Mark Burrows*

Music and the Master Children

Scene 1: The Me in Me: *Cast*

Scene 2: God Calls Us All: *Justice, Factoid, Cast*

Scene 3: Doing What's Right: *Really Reliable, Justice, Cast*

Scene 4: I Don't Know Who Told You: *Pep 2, Really Reliable, Factoid, IDK, Busy B, Q, Cast*

Scene 5: I Will Stand: *Pep 1, What If, Fret 1, Cast*

Scene 6: I Hold You in My Heart: *Seek, Cast*

Scene 7: Collection of "Change for Change"

Scene 8: Worthy!: *Cast*

Cast

Pep 1-Harper Spruill
Pep 2-Hope Sieber
Really Reliable-Charlotte Pointek
Thea-Elle Winiarczyk
Q-Jonas Barbour
Steward-Mark Steele
Green Thumb-Finn Gundersen
Literalist-Addison Spatz
Busy B-Miriam Barbour
What If-Brooks Hudson
Why Not-Lucy Wahlquist

Justice-Liv Milburn
Fret 1-Riley Spruill
Fret 2-Larson Hudson
Yum-Ian Okoronkwo
IDK-Henry Evans
Listener-Jordan Spruill
Factoid-Marian Groover
Seek-Sophia Spatz
Can Do-Piper Wahlquist
Happy Heart-Aria Winiarczyk

Musical Director: Kendra Campbell-Milburn

Director of Children and Family Ministry: Ingrid Hudson

Music and the Master Leaders: Sue Byers, Pat Oliver, Joni Siepert, David Beecher, Larry Peterson

Assistant Leader: Chelby Gambrel

Costumes and Props: Sue Byers, Joni Siepert, Kathie Manes, Kendra Campbell-Milburn,

Tech and Media Production Crew: Chelby Gambrel, Brad Milburn, Joni Siepert

Musicians: James McDaniel, Ashleigh Spatz

↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

📖 Alleluia! Christ is risen!

📖 **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝️ bless you now and always.

📖 Amen.

↑ SENDING HYMN *Here I Am, Lord*

ELW Hymn 574

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain-Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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↑ SENDING

📖 Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

📖 **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

↑ POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Carol Talbott, Judy Owen

Lector: M&M children

Tech crew: Brad McCumber, Brad Milburn, Joni Siepert

Usher: Mike & Pat Oliver

Altar flowers given by Carol Jensen-Linton in memory of Colin Linton.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, April 28

FIRST READING: Micah 6:6-8

- 📖 The first reading is from Micah, the 6th chapter.

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

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- 📖 The Word of the Lord. 🙏 **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-3

- 📖 The second reading is from Ephesians, the 4th chapter.

In light of all of this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

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