



APRIL 18, 2021

**WATTS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
APRIL 18, 2021
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / YOUTH SUNDAY

GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome/Concerns and Celebrations – Dorisanne Cooper

Statement of Worship – Kelly Sasser

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Light

Prelude: “Peace Be With Thee” Gordon Young

PRAISING GOD

Youth sing: “Life Together”David Burroughs

Call to Worship

Reader 1: God of Easter, when we are blinded by anger, you pour out your love for all to see: when we wonder what tomorrow will bring, you call us to trust in you; when sadness fills our lives, you plant gladness in our hearts. God of Easter: touch us with your grace.

Reader 2: Risen Christ, you show us your hands so we may reach out to mend the broken; you show us your feet, so we may walk with those the world passes by; you show us your face, so we may know what our sisters and brothers look like. Risen Christ: touch us with your compassion.

Reader 3: Spirit of Hope, you open our eyes, so we may see God’s love; you open our minds, so we may welcome God’s Word; you open our lips, so we may be God’s witnesses. Spirit of Hope: touch us with your peace.

All: God in Community, Holy in One, open us to your presence.

Hymn: “See My Hands and Feet” (see lyrics below) CIVILITY

Time with Children

PRAYING TOGETHER

Adam Tatum: We gather this day to place ourselves in the center of God's grace and mercy. Let us find that center by first settling into the silence of God's presence.

Prayers of Confession in Silence

Corporate Confession: God of Grace, you pour out your love for all to see. Forgive us when we are blind in your midst. You show us your hands so we may reach out and mend the broken. Forgive us when we use our hands only to grasp for ourselves. You show us your feet so we may walk with you. Forgive us when we leave your way again and again. Open our eyes, open our minds, open our hearts that we may see you and know you and learn what it means to welcome others in your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Morning Prayer

TENDING TO THE WORD

Psalter: Psalm 4

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Minister: The Word of God for the People of Christ.

People: May the Spirit grant us understanding.

Question of the Day – WSBC Youth

Reflections: “Hands and Feet...”

Silence

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Sentences

Minister: Risen Christ, you come to us with scarred hands and feet, offering your peace, your presence, and your promise fulfilled.

People: Let us then, offer our hands to work and feet to run, joyfully bearing witness of your love and forgiveness.

Youth sing: “Do, Love, Walk”Colleen and David Burroughs

Doxology.....LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing, Let Christendom with praises ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ is alive! This be our song! To God all praises now belong.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

COMMITTING OUR LIVES IN FAITH

Invitation

Hymn 494: “They’ll Know We Are Christians”ST. BRENDAN’S

Benediction

Postlude: “Be Thou My Vision”Ronald Arnatt

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to welcome and affirm all persons, regardless of race, class, origin,
sexual orientation, or any other distinction.

We welcome as Members those who profess “Jesus is Lord.”

We receive members through baptism or by transfer of letter from another congregation.

We also welcome Friends who maintain membership elsewhere.

THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH--EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

CHURCH STAFF: Tom Bloom, Organist; Dorisanne Cooper, Senior Minister; Sherrill Figuera, Office Manager; Esther Soud Parker, Minister with Children and Their Families; Kelly Sasser, Minister with Youth and Their Families; Bobby Sturdivant, Custodian; Cara Valenti, Youth Choir Director; Melody Zentner, Director of Music Ministries

Hymn: "See My Hands and Feet"CIVILITY

Written by Mary Louise Bringle

Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,
Hands that break a loaf of bread;
Steps that walk beside the weary,
Bearing burdens in their stead:

*"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,
Love arisen from the grave,
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,
"live as ones I died to save."*

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
Visit ones in need of care,
Give the homeless warmth and shelter:
Christ will find a welcome there.

Refrain

Love and serve without distinction
All earth's people, first and least.
Know within each act of kindness
Hope and wholeness are increased.

Refrain

Hands that beckon little children,
Bind a wound, prepare a meal,
Feet that rush to share good tidings,
Christ arisen, still reveal.

Refrain

494 They'll Know We Are Christians

Guitar capo: 1; play Em
Unison

Em

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

Am Em

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
and we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

Am Em

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain C G C G Em Am

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love,

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ST. BRENDAN'S
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Em Am Bm Em

yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.