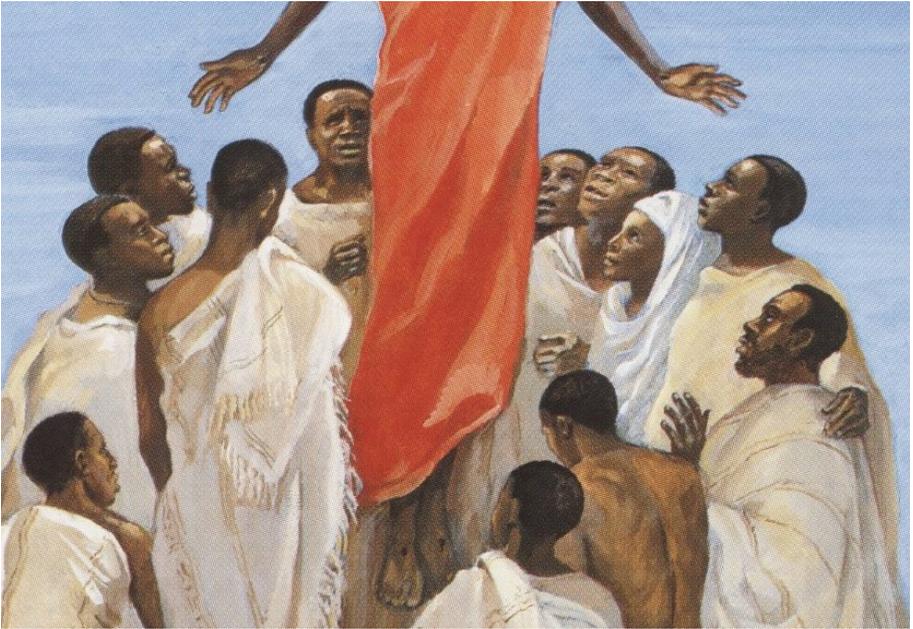


EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

12 MAY 2024

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a congregation where music, liturgy,
and prayer reflect the richness of the global church.*

We gather each week for worship that is both firmly rooted in the ancient forms and traditions of Christian liturgy and attuned to contemporary concerns. We encounter the good news of Jesus in scripture, in song, in the sacraments, and in the gathered community. The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle shapes our weekly worship, leading us to pray for and sing songs from different parts of the world.

Read more about who we are at: www.genevalutheran.church

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Reader: Nina Kiderlin

Prayer leader: Maureen Gumbe

Altar care: Mee Ji

Assisting ministers: Faith Fookes, Nyambura Njoroge,

Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi, Maarten Wilbers

Ushers: Nashipai Naing'ola, Nanah Naing'ola

Offering counters: Johnny Camaddo, Tom Taylor

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Seventh Sunday of Easter + 12 May 2024, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal*

Guest Musician: Terry MacArthur

Welcome

Prelude

A Clapping prelude

Greeting Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

a great king over all the earth,

who subdues the peoples under us,

and the nations under our feet,

who chooses our inheritance for us,

the pride of Jacob whom God loves.

Youngish people clap two claps at the end of every phrase.

Claude Goudimel: Geneva Psalter 1551

Theodore de Bèze: Geneva. English Joy Patterson

1. Peo - ple clap your hands! Shout to God with joy!
 2. God as - cends the throne with a joy - ful cry,

King of all the earth is the Lord Most High;
 and with trum - pet sound has gone up on high;

all hu - man - i - ty stands in awe of God,
 sing your praise to God, sing with joy - ful voice!

with a might - y hand God brings na - tions low,
 Rul - ers, peo - ples, now join to serve the Lord,

and be - neath our feet casts down ev - ery foe;
 for earth's might - y ones all be - long to God,



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God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
 Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
 For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.
 God reigns over the nations;
God is enthroned on high.
 The nobles of the peoples gather
 as the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

Psalm 47 sung

People, clap your hands

verse 2

Invitation to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God over all and in all,
 whenever the power at work within us
 is more concerned with our own self-interest
 than witnessing to your redeeming love,
forgive us.

When we succumb to the trumpet blasts
 heralding status, privilege or pride,
 belittling those not like us,
turn us to embrace all those you claim as part of your family.

When we want to push others under our feet
 instead of kneeling to wash their feet,
remind us of whom we follow and to what reign we belong.

Gather us and the whole world as your people,
 the people of the God of Abraham,
empowered by the Holy Spirit for love, generosity, and joy,
through Jesus Christ.

Response

Khudaayaa, rae ham kar

Traditional Urdu

R.F. Liberius: Pakistan

1,3. Khu daa - yaa, rae ham kar, Khu - daa - yaa, rae ham,
 Khu - daa - yaa, rae ham kar, Khu - daa - yaa, rae ham,
 Khu - daa - yaa, rae-ham kar, Khu - daa - yaa, rae-ham. *fine*

Lord, have mercy.

2. Ma - sii - haa, rae ham kar, Ma - sii - haa, rae ham.
 Ma - sii - haa, rae ham kar, Ma - sii - haa, rae-ham.
 Ma - sii - haa, rae ham kar, Ma - sii - haa, rae-ham. *D.C.*

Christ, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Praise

Joy Probhu tomari joy

Bart Shaha: Bangladesh

Joy Pro - bhu to - ma - ri joy, Tu - mi a - ma - der
 Glo - ry be to you, O God, tru - ly you love us,

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Response

All peoples, clap your hands

Paschal Jordan O.S.B.: Guyana/Trinidad and Tobago

$\text{♩} = 120$ Solo

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 120 beats per minute. It features a vocal line, a drum part, and piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into several systems. The first system shows the vocal line starting with a rest, followed by the drum part with a 'hand clapping' instruction and a piano accompaniment. The second system contains the lyrics 'peo - ples clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy,' and 'Al - le - lu - ia!'. The third system continues the lyrics 'for the Lord, the Most High we must fear, great Ru - ler of all the' and 'Al - le - lu - ia!'. The fourth system includes the word 'earth,' and repeats 'Al - le - lu - ia!'. The fifth system concludes with 'God goes up with shouts of joy' and 'The Lord goes up with trum - pet blast!' followed by 'Al - le - lu - ia!'.

hand clapping 7 7 All etc.

peo - ples clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy,
People
Al - le - lu - ia!

for the Lord, the Most High we must fear, great Ru - ler of all the
Al - le - lu - ia!

earth,
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

God goes up with shouts of joy The Lord goes up with trum - pet blast!
Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a whole note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then eighth notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The piano accompaniment starts with a 7/8 time signature and a series of chords. The second system continues the piano accompaniment with rests. The third system has a vocal line starting with the word 'praise.' followed by a quarter note G4, then a quarter rest, and then four measures of piano accompaniment with rests. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia!' are written under the notes.

Sing praise to God, sing praise! Sing praise to our Sov-ereign, sing
Al-le-lu-ia!
praise.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Thamil, India

Asian Planning Group



Al' - lee - lu - yaa, Al' - lee - lu - yaa, Al - lee - lu - yaa - vee,
Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.



Al - ba, O - mee - ga - vuk - kee, Al' - lee - lu - yaa - vee.
You are the Al - pha, O - me - ga, Hal - le - lu - jah to you.

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Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 24.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

You have passed by

Thoinot Arbeau: French 1520-1595

Dutch, Huub Oosterhuis. English, Redmond McGoldrick

1. You have passed by, you came like fire that lights the skies;
 2. You have passed by, as brief as foot-prints on the sea;
 3. You have passed by, a strange and yet fa - mil - iar face,

sparks fall - ing from your name glow in our hearts like eyes.
 why did you go so far? You went too far for me.
 a frag - ment of our being, a flick - erng light, a trace.

In tat - ters hangs your word, draped round our world and torn;
 You are for - ev - er now as deep in God as breath;
 Your light is in my blood, my bod - y is your day;

now we shall live in you; like cloth - ing you are worn.
 no still - ness cap - tures you, un - think - a - ble your death.
 I hope my whole life long to meet you on the way.

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Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,*

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Passing of the Peace

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Gathering of Gifts Joy, O Jesus, crown of glory

Bindunath Sarker: Bengali.

English, Martin Adhikary adapted by James Minchin

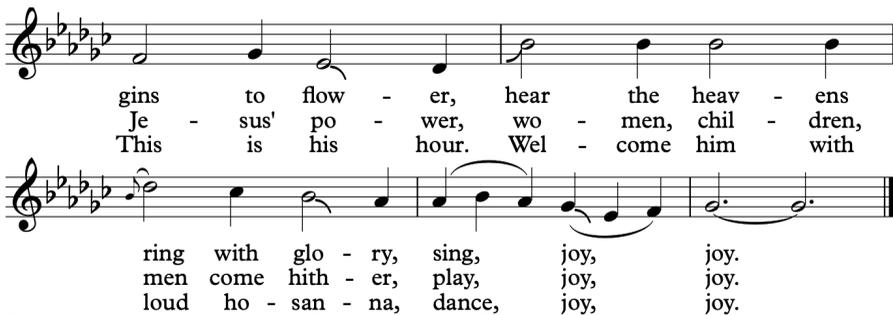
SAMAR Bengali song; adapted Samar Das

$\text{♩} = 144$

*Joy, O Je - sus, crown of all, O Je - sus sweet - est
 Lord! ev - ery - where your tri - umph told, your
 name by all a - dored! Joy, O Je - sus, crown of all, O
 Je - sus sweet - est Lord!

1. Love has filled our
2. Beat the drums and
3. Praise the Christ in

hu - man sto - ry; peace on earth be -
 pluck the zith - er, sing of Je - sus,
 heart - felt man - ner, Hal - le - lu - jah!



gins to flow - er, hear the heav - ens
 Je - sus' po - wer, wo - men, chil - dren,
 This is his hour. Wel - come him with
 ring with glo - ry, sing, joy, joy.
 men come hith - er, play, joy, joy.
 loud ho - san - na, dance, joy, joy.

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* "Joy" means "glory" or "victory" in Bengali.

Offertory Music

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

V. Massilaamanni: India English D.T. Niles

V. Maasilaamanni: India



1. Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God.
 Al - le - lu - ia in the high - est! For - ev - er praise God.
 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow.
 Clap your hands, re - joic - ing. Strike your harps, re - sound - ing;
 raise you voice, re - call - ing ev - ery mer - cy fall - ing.
 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow.

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Dm Gm C7 Fmaj7

Väl sig - nad va - re Du, Som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com ing near. Bless - ed are you com ing here

Bb Gm A7 Dm

Väl sig - nan - de vår jord, Blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

Part 2

Gm C7 Fmaj7 Bb

Du är he - lig, Du är hel - het, Du är när - het,
You are ho - ly. You are whole - ness. You are pre - sent,

Gm A(sus4) A7 Dm

He - la kos - mos lo - var Dig! Ho - si - an - na!
let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing Ho - san - na

Gm C7 Fmaj7 Bb Gm A7 Dm

Ho - si - an - na! Ho - si - an - na! Ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
in the high - est. Sing Ho - san - na. Sing Ho - san - na to God.

First time unison. Second time women start at the beginning while the men start at Part 2.
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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembrance

Because Christ has ascended, one with God, over all, in all, Christ is also present with us at this table. This bread becomes for us Christ's body. This wine becomes for us Christ's blood. We proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

For the Amen we start softly saying Amen with slow clapping, and then gradually we clap faster and the Amen gets louder and louder.

Sung Response

Masithi

S.C. Molefe: Xhosa, South Africa

♩ = 126

Ma-si - thi: A-men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa, Ma-si - thi:
 Sing a - men: A-men, we praise your name, O Lord. Sing a - men:

A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa, Ma-si - thi: A-men, Ba wo,
 A - men, we praise your name, O Lord. Sing a - men: A - men, a - men.

A - men, Ba - wo, A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa.
 A - men, a - men. A - men, we praise your name, O Lord.

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Lord's Prayer

in our many languages

*Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.*

Songs during Communion

Margam Satyam, Jivam Nive

English paraphrase, Andrew Donaldson

as taught by Vinita Manchala: Telugu: India



Mar - gam, Sa - tyam, Ji - vam Ni - ve, A - di, A -
Liv - ing, mov - ing End and Be - gin - ning, you are Love,



dha - ram, an - tam Ni - ve. 1. Pa - la - na, po - sha - na,
ho - ly you are, shall be. 2. Ru - pam, dee - pam,
3. Ho - mam, Kshe - mam,
1. Breath - giv - er, Heal - er, you
2. You are the cher - ished One,
3. You are the Truth and the



pra - nam, Ni - ve. Pu - ni - tam, puj - yam, pur - nam,
gop - yam, Ni - ve Hr - da - yam, stha - nam, Pra - dha - mam,
shan - tam, Ni - ve Nit - yam, sat - yam, su - gu - nam,
are light and ra - diance; you are all, jus - tice, fair - ness,
Source of our be - ing; mer - ci - ful, faith - ful, shel - tering,
Way for our walk - ing. You are life: wak - ing, death's power



Ni - ve. Pre - man, dha - mam, dhya - nam, Ni - ve,
Ni - ve, Vak - yam, bha - vam, jna - nam, Ni - ve
Ni - ve Bhag - yam, bho - gam, sauk - yam, Ni - ve
pa - tience. In you all souls flow - er o - pen:
heal - ing. You are mu - sic, you are rhy - thm,
break - ing, Thun - der, whirl - wind, si - lence, mys - tery,



Pra - bha - lam, pha - li - tam, pun - yam, Ni - ve.
Gee - tam, ga - nam, ra - gam, Ni - ve.
Dhar - mam mar - mam, pa - ra - mam, Ni - ve.
in - tel - lect, ho - li - ness, ten - der - ness, de - vo - tion.
mel - o - dy, po - e - try, har - mo - ny, and wis - dom.
sac - ri - fice, nour - ish - ment; you are, shall be.

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I'm so glad Jesus lifted me

African-American spiritual

1. I'm so glad Je - sus lift - ed me.
2. Satan had me bound.
3. When I was in trouble,

I'm so glad Je - sus lift - ed me.
Satan had me bound.
When I was in trouble,

I'm so glad Je - sus lift - ed me, sing - ing
Satan had me bound.
When I was in trouble,

glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

You shall go out with joy

Lively ♩ = 128

S. Dauermann: USA

The musical score is written in treble clef, G major, and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Em, G, D, B7, and Em.

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, and the
moun-tains and the hills shall break forth be-fore you. There'll be
shouts of joy and the trees of the field shall clap, shall clap their
hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the
trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall
clap their hands and you'll go out with joy.

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Sending Forth

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funeral for Emese Pósfay – Wednesday 15 May

Emese Pósfay's funeral will be held at the church on Wednesday 15 May at 17h00. All are welcome to join in this time of remembering and giving thanks for her long life and witness, including more than 50 years of membership in our congregation. If you'd like to sing in the choir for the service, brief rehearsals will take place after today's worship service and 30 minutes prior to the funeral. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to our congregation.

19 May – Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

Next Sunday we will not only celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit—we will also be confirming four young members of our congregation as part of the worship service. All are welcome and encouraged to join in surrounding these young people with our prayers and support as they affirm the covenant made with them in baptism.

Women's Circle – Meeting on 18 May

Ladies! You're invited to come to our Church Women's Circle! We will gather in our church, which is our village, on one Saturday each month for coffee and croissants and to share in fellowship and fun. All women church members and regular attendees are welcome in the Circle. We plan to meet on the following dates: **18 May from 10h00 to 12h00**. Contact Marit Bauer-Moore (079 320 3046; maritbmoore@hotmail.com) or Cynthia Wilbers (079 409 8503; cwilbers@gmail.com) for more information.

Spring Congregational Assembly – 26 May

Our congregation will hold its annual spring assembly on Sunday 26 May, immediately following the worship service at the church. Assembly materials were sent to all members by email this past week; if you didn't receive yours or would like a paper copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Members, please plan to attend!

Membership Directory Update

We will be producing an updated membership directory in the coming weeks and ask you to inform the church office of any changes to your information (address, phone number, email, etc.) or make any updates on the printed version (together with the sign up sheets) after the service today.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

Our congregation holds a simple coffee hour after worship each Sunday. Preparation for coffee hour is by neighborhood groups:

19 May – Group E

26 May – Group A

2 June – Group B

9 June – Group C

*If you can help on a week when your group is assigned,
please let your group's coordinator know.*

Can You Host a Visiting University Student from 29 May to 2 June?

From 29 May to 2 June, a group of twelve university students from College Park, Maryland in the U.S. will be visiting Geneva. They are part of the Lutheran campus ministry at the University of Maryland and will be spending some days in Geneva for meetings with ecumenical and humanitarian organizations before going to Taizé for a week. We have been asked to help house the students for their three nights here. Housing a student would mean giving him/her a place to sleep, and possibly sharing dinner with him/her. Can you host one or more students? Contact the church office or sign up on the sheet this morning.

Music Camp this Summer

From Sunday, 11 August to Friday, 16 August 2024; there will be a summer camp organized by our music director Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg at La Lécherette in Vaud. The camp is for children ages 7 to 13, and previous musical knowledge is not required. The whole team together with the children will create a musical with a Circus theme, and the performance of the musical will be held on Sunday, 18 August at 16h00 at the ELCG. The cost for the week is CHF 400 per child (all-inclusive) with a discount for multiple children from the same family. Contact Katharina (katharina@genevalutheran.ch) to sign up or for more information.

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This Week's Schedule:

Wed, 15 May	17h00	Emese Pósfay funeral
Sat, 18 May	10h00	Women's circle
Sun, 19 May	10h00	Church school
	11h00	Worship on Pentecost Sunday
<i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i>		

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Thank you for your support of our ministry together!

If you are a guest in our congregation today, *please fill out the connection card below—you can place it in the offering bag or hand it to the pastor or one of the ushers. We would love to be in touch and answer any questions you might have about our congregation.*

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