



4th Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024



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GATHERING TOGETHER

Whether you are worshipping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though

private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the **bold** portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.*

*The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

PRELUDE

In Thee is Gladness

J.S. Bach

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mamie Broadhurst

INTROIT

Christ is Risen

Composed by Victor Kilmash

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pre-K - 6th Graders

Lighting the Candle

Word for Worship: Faithful

*HYMN No. 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rick Bowles

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves and separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism, so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hymn 231 vs. 3

**Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17:1-9

SERMON

Rick Pitcher

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

Lois Kuper-Rushing

PROFESSION OF FAITH

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Julianne by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of the church? **We will.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM OF JULIANNE FALLS

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

HYMN No. 301 v. 5

All Are Welcome

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. by Skip Stradtman

Gentry Publications, 2023

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art*

*High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all*

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, you have called us to be your church in this place.
Help us to be a light in the world, to share the good news we
have received, to pour out the gifts of your Spirit, and to feed
others as we have been fed, so that all people may know the
fullness of life that you offer through our Savior Jesus Christ.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

CHARGE and BENEDICTION

God is...
Everywhere.

POSTLUDE

Built on the Rock
Paul Manz
Free Harmonizations of Hymn Tunes, Volume II
Hinshaw Music, 1986

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. Such involvement includes:

proclaiming the good news in word and deed,

taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
 lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
 studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
 supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time,
 and talents,

demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
 responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
 living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural,
 and social relationships of life,

working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,
 caring for God's creation,

participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and

reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership,
 and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and
 service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

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