

April 21st, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Congregational responses are in bold.

(*) Indicates Standing.

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit** "Joy Comes with the Dawn"

VU#166

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: As we are searching,

All: God guides us to the path.

One: When we are struggling,

All: God joins us on the way.

One: As we become lost,

All: God's voice draws us in.

One: Where Christ's story joins our story,

All: love and hope surround us.

One: In this season of light, we join now in worship,

All: as children together, we sing and we praise!

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

God of life and light, we gather this day to worship the One who came as Your Good Shepherd who stops at nothing, not even death, to proclaim Your love for all people. This day, we celebrate the Christ who searches us out, who guides our way, and whose voice echoes out from deep with our hearts, and the hearts of all Your children. Be with us this day as we sing out Your praise. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Morning Has Broken"

VU#409

Personal Prayer: "Open Our Hearts" x2"

MV#21

(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Your voice, Dear God, surrounds us, a sound for all to hear. It's the sound of hope, peace, and joy, a voice that calls us near. Within our week and in our lives, may that voice be clear. So, all the world will know we're Yours, Your love for us is here. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Are You a Shepherd?" **MV# 126**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Illumination: **Reader: Susan**

Scripture Lesson:

Gospel: John 10: 11-18

Response:

One: This is the Word of God moving in our lives.

All: **Let it guide us in our living. Amen.**

Sermon "Are We Listening to Love's Voice"

Anthem "Only God"

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" **VU#333**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" **VU#543 vs. 1**

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Take these gifts, O God, and bless them as our hallelujahs! May they become a blessing for people near and far, our discipleship lived in answer to Your love that calls us together in peace. In our giving, let us become a sign of Your life alive in this world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" **VU#635**

***Blessing (Unison):**

We go out as those who are made in God's image, who listen for the voice of Christ, and who feel the

presence of the Spirit leading us as we use our gifts to love and serve the world. Amen.

***The Light of Jesus— Ever Present, Ever Bright**

***Choral Benediction** "Blessing"

Postlude

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This Week's Volunteers

Ushers: Apr 21 Eleanor & Ensor **Apr 28** Susan Rogers **May 5** Annie T.
Screens: Apr 21 Erik **Apr 28** Kevin **May 5** Erik

| Calendar: April 22nd – 28th | | | |
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| Monday | 9:30am | Tai Chi | Church Hall |
| | 6:30pm | Collaborative Ministry | Sanctuary |
| Tuesday | 10:00am | Craft Group | Kitchen |
| Wednesday | 9:30am | Tai Chi | Church Hall |
| | 7:00pm | Choir | Sanctuary |
| Friday | 9:30am | Tai Chi | Church Hall |

Announcements:

April 16 Council Highlights: Financial and Minister's Reports submitted for information. **Visioning:** Council went through the "Visioning Committee Recommendations Chart point by point for discussion. **Increased use of the building:** decluttering of the church occurred over the past week and has been successful. Brief summary of Feb meeting with Kindred Works. Meeting will be set up with Kindred Works contact to discuss potential rental use recommendations of the building. **Accessibility:** Possibility for grants to increase building accessibility when/if the time comes. **Partnership:** Proposal to host an outdoor "Faith Expo" with local churches. Council had some format questions and will continue discussion. **Simplified Governance:** Small team of council members will research and suggest alternative types of governance. **Affirming Ministry:** Volunteers needed to pursue this commitment. **Communications:** Website continues to be high priority and a decision will be made soon.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: May 4th @ 8am – 11:30am. Come join us for this delicious meal! \$10 a person or \$35 a family.