

**April 14, 2024; 9:00 am**  
Third Sunday of Easter

## **We Gather Together**

*Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.*

*Copies of the Glory to God hymnal and Common English Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary for your use during worship.*

**Prelude: Prelude on "Hyfrydol"**

*arr. by Healey Willan*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

**Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

*Jolene S., liturgist*

Doubt and fear are gone!

**Light and hope abound!**

Where we once felt alone and lost;

**Christ has come to walk again with us.**

Hallelujah!

**Hallelujah! AMEN.**

**\* Opening Prayer**

Lord of Light and Mercy, open our hearts this day as we again hear the testimonies of your ministry. Give us patience to perceive your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to give witness to your resurrection. Unite us into your household of ministry, in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

**\*Sung Response: GTG 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

*Carol W., Cantor*

**\*Call to Confession**

*Jolene S.*

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*Jolene S.*

Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift, your son Jesus Christ, as we still don't understand what is going on. You call us to be people of courage and hope; and yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement.**

*Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

Shake us up, Lord! **Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that he taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. AMEN.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

The psalmist says, *"I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" (NRSV)*

Know that you do not wait alone.

**God has given us one another for this journey of faith.**

Know that you do not wait alone;

**Christ is with us.**

Because Jesus lived and died and rose again for us,

**we know that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **\*Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)*

**\*Sung Response: GTG 582** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

## **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

### **Bible Presentation**

#### **Psalm Reading: Psalm 4**

(page 490 in the pew Bible; Common English Bible-p. 666)

Answer me when I cry out, my righteous God!

**Set me free from my troubles!**

**Have mercy on me!**

**Listen to my prayer!**

How long, you people,  
will my reputation be insulted?

**How long will you continue  
to love what is worthless  
and go after lies?**

Know this: the Lord takes  
personal care of the faithful.

**The Lord will hear me  
when I cry out to him.**

So be afraid, and don't sin!

Think hard about it in your bed  
and weep over it! Selah

**Bring righteous offerings,  
and trust the Lord!**

Many people say,

**“We can’t find goodness anywhere.**

**The light of your face has left us, Lord!”**

But you have filled my heart with more joy  
than when their wheat and wine are everywhere!

**I will lie down and fall asleep in peace**

**because you alone, Lord, let me live in safety.**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-49**

(page 91 in the pew Bible; Common English Bible-p.1288)

While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, “Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It’s really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn’t have flesh and bones like you see I have.” As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, “Do you have anything to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish. Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

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 from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Look, I’m sending to you what my Father promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power.”

**Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**Sermon:** "Waiting and Watching"

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

**Sung response: GTG 401 "Gather Us In"**

### **We Respond to God's Word**

#### **The Practice of Gratitude**

*In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.*

**Offering Music:** "Everybody's Got Something to Offer"

*Carol W.*

**\*Offertory: GTG 609 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

*(TUNE: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

#### **Prayers of the People**

##### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

**\*Sung response: GTG 765 "May the God of Hope Go With Us"**

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

Wait, watch, and listen.

Wait for the Lord; wait with deep longing; actively wait in hope.

Watch for the Lord, actively at work in your life.

Listen for the Lord to speak through the testimonies of divine encounters, in the everyday and ordinary.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, wait, watch, and listen.

Amen, and amen!

## **Postlude: “Our Father in the Heaven Who Art”**

*by J.S. Bach*

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Joanne Marchionda

### **This Week at Church**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 14</b>
9:00-10:00am	Worship
	Bible Presentation
10:00-2:00pm	Train Show
10:15-11:15am	Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections
10:15-11:15am	Nursery Volunteer Training
11:15-12:15pm	Learning Team
6:00-7:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 702

<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 15</b>
10:00-11:30am	Staff Meeting
6:30-8:00pm	Session Meeting

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 17</b>
8:00-9:00am	Men's Breakfast
4:30-5:30pm	Bell Choir

<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 19</b>
7:00-9:00pm	Cribbage

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 20</b>
9:00-12:00pm	Table Tennis

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 21</b>
9:00-10:00am	Worship
10:15-11:15am	Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections
11:30-12:30pm	Worship Team Meeting
12:30-6:00pm	Paige School of Music – Piano Recital
6:00-7:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 702 Court of Honor

Please remember to thank the volunteers who help make our service run smoothly. It is because of them, that we can worship God well.

If you would like to share your skills, please make a note in the pew pad. Someone will follow up with you.

**PRAYERS**

Brian C.  
 Pat D.  
 Gib D.  
 Arnold L.  
 Jesse F.  
 Liam A.  
 Burt M.  
 Marie L.

Chastity G. & Joan S.  
 Bob B.  
 Wendy W.  
 Andy L.  
 Phyllis M.  
 Sally S.  
 Dave E.

\*Lynn K.  
 \*Ashley K.  
 \*Cathie  
 \*Mike S.  
 \*Dale F.  
 \*Karen & David H.  
 \*Lorele C.  
 \*Laura C.

The names with an asterisk (\*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer. If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact a Deacon or the church staff.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

<b>WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR April 7, 2024</b>				
Individuals in Person:	101			
Zoom Households:	4			
	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		<b><u>NOTES</u></b>
	4/7/2024	\$6,048.00		Tithes/Offerings
		\$200.00		Pave the Way
	04/01--05	\$3,451.00		Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
		\$80.00		Vanco Online "Pave the Way"
		\$9,779.00		<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>
	"Pave the Way"			Vanco goal=\$50,000 What we have:\$23415.00

**LOOKING AHEAD**

April 21	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Growing Connections- Intergenerational Activities (Fellowship Hall)
April 28	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Growing Connections
April 29	2:00pm	Versiti Blood Drive