



Service of the Lord's Day
Sunday, April 25, 2021

God's People Gather

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord!"

(Psalm 122:1)

With glad hearts, we welcome you to worship among this community of believers! The decorated tubes in the pews are guides to assist us in caring for one another by maintaining safe distances. You may move the tubes in either direction in the pew to accommodate your "household." We invite you to hum the hymns or meditate on the words as the Sanctuary Singers sing on our behalf.

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude "Give Thanks" – arr. Hayes

***Call to Worship**

L: The world belongs to God.

ALL: The earth and all its people.

L: How good it is, how wonderful,

ALL: to live together in unity.

L: Love and faith come together,

ALL: justice and peace join hands.

L: If Christ's disciples keep silent

ALL: these stones would shout aloud.

L: Open our lips, O God,

ALL: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

***Hymn Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (verses 1 and 2)**

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *(Refrain)*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *(Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not

loved our neighbors as ourselves. (silent confession) In your mercy **forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

L: The Risen One says, "Blessed are you; rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!"

***Response**

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

God's Word is Heard

Time With Children

Anthem Oh, How Jesus Loves Me – arr. Lamb

Chancel Treble Handbells
Cindy Foust, piano

Scripture Readings **Isaiah 35:3-6**
 Acts 3:1-21

Sermon **Easter Has Not Ended**

Rev. W. Carter Lester, Jr.

God's People Respond

***Affirmation of Faith**

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen. (I Cor. 15:1-6)

***Giving Our Gifts**

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.

Installation & Ordination of Officers

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you;

And also with you...

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, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

God's Sends Us Out

***Hymn Here I Am, Lord (verses 1 and 3)**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

***Blessing**

***Postlude "Voluntary" -- Stanley**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Please leave the sanctuary by the side aisles and both doors; the deacons will guide you.

Our sanctuary singers and musicians this morning are Bruce Achuff, John Genter, Rob Land, and Rob Wade. Chancel Treble Handbells: Marguerite Detwiler, Katie DeNicco, Laura Hazeltine, Julie Kovach, and Sarah Pinard. Thank you!

The sanctuary flowers are given by Tom and Judy Babbony in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary.

Calendar of Events for this week:

Today	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Installation & Ordination of Elders & Deacons
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Virtual Yoga
	9:00 a.m.	Church Library open during Office hours
	10:00 a.m.	Staff meetings (Community Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Mental Health Companions (Community Room)
	7:30 p.m.	Bible Study via Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Virtual Yoga

	4:00 p.m.	Musicless Rec
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Church Library open during Office hours
	9:30 a.m.	Sisters of the Way Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 p.m.	Community Meals (lower parking lot)
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
	6:15 p.m.	Treble Handbells Rehearsal
	6:45 p.m.	Chancel Handbells Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Dementia Companions Meeting (C&K's)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Virtual Yoga
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship



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