

“Why Do you stare at us?” **Acts 3:12**

The LORD hears when I call. **Psalms 4:3**

Beloved, we are God’s children now. **1 John 3:2**

“You are witnesses of these things.” **Luke 24:48**

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To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit (4x)

Christ is risen, alleluia. Love is risen, alleluia.

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Prayer

*Hymn (see insert)

“Down to the River to Pray”

Prayer for Wholeness

(see insert)

+Response 250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

*+Response 243 (3x)

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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Blessing the World

Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda

+Response 240, refrain (2x)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

First Pew

+Response 240, refrain (2x)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1-10

Sermon

“At the Pace of Relationship”

*Hymn 701

“Lord, Prepare Me”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“I’m Just Ken”

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*Acclamation

With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord

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*Sending 246 v. 1, 5

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy,
with justice, love, and praise.*

*Postlude

Lord, I will tear the heart
of my soul in two and
you must lay yourself in
the wounds of my soul.
Mechtild of Magdesburg

Now, most shocking of
all, I was finding out that
I am and always was
‘within God.’

Sue Monk Kidd

Humans only have one
ending. Ideas live forever.
Humans not so much. Be-
ing a human can be pretty
uncomfortable.

Ruth Handler

If I have inside me the
stuff to make cocoons,
maybe the stuff of butter-
flies is there too.

Trina Paulus

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Prayer

Philip Newell

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Eastertide
Third Sunday

April 14, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 14 • Third Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 3:12–19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1–7 Luke 24:36b–48

- 8:30 a.m. Early Youth Led Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Led Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 1
- 12:30 p.m. Youth lunch with Pastor Gusti

Thursday, April 18

- 9:00 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal – Upstairs hallway outside choir room

Saturday, April 20

- 7:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 21 • Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 4:5–12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16–24 John 10:11–18

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 1

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from Zimbabwe. The Opening Hymn is an African-American spiritual. The late 20th Century Response to the Prayer for Wholeness was inspired by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot. The late 20th Century Response to the Declaration is from the Taizé Community. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is from the early 20th Century Revival Movement The Sermon Hymn is the principal Scripture reference for 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Paul’s reminder to the Christians at Corinth. The late 20th Century Sending Hymn was written after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Inner History of a Day, excerpt

No one knew the name of this day;
Born quietly from deepest night.
The mind of the day draws no attention;
It dwells within the silence with elegance
To create a space for all our words.

We seldom notice how each day is a holy place
Where the eucharist of the ordinary happens,
Transforming our broken fragments
Into an eternal continuity that keeps us.

Somewhere in us a dignity presides
That is more gracious than the smallness
That fuels us with fear and force,
A dignity that trusts the form a day takes.
So at the end of this day, we may give thanks
For being betrothed to the unknown.

John O’Donohue

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