

Order of Worship
FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE EASTER SEASON
9:30 am – April 21, 2024

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Pastorale
Public Domain.
Cathi Peterson, organ

Charles Wesley

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Bruce Miller, liturgist

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD.
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
Psalm 95: 1-6

OPENING HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57

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1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23 and Acts 4: 5-22 (NRSV)
 The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)

PREPARATION HYMN

How Firm a Foundation (1, 3, 5)
 CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 107816

UMH 529

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
 What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
 for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

MESSAGE

Rev. Diane Rehfield

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Rejoice, He is Alive

Shafferman

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VFUMC Chancel Choir, Deborah Fitzgibbons - guest conductor, Cathi Peterson - piano

OFFERTORY PRAYER

As we offer our gifts to you, Gentle Shepherd, may we lay down our prejudices towards others, so they might find a welcome in our hearts; may we set aside our fears of the future, so you might lead us into your future, may we become the goodness and mercy for which others have been looking all their lives. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

The offertory prayer is from lectionaryliturgiesblogspot.com

SENDING HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

TFWS 2223

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1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit,
 we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
 yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other,
 we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: **refrain**
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other,
 we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: **refrain**
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus,
 God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: **refrain**

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

He Lives

Alfred H. Ackney

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 Cathi Peterson, organ

Prayer Requests

First UMC of Reseda—Pastor Christian Jung

First UMC of Canoga Park—Pastor Elaine Shin-Paull

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

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