

Order of Worship

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE EASTER SEASON

10:00 am – April 25, 2021

Watching Live?

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

PRELUDE

Eastertide Medley
Tyler Carlisle, organ

arr. Charles Rigoulot

WELCOME

HYMN

In Christ Alone

W&S 3105

CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 3350395

1. In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme or plan can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gracious God, the depth of Your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who laid down His life for us. May our gratitude be visible through our care for others and for this world in which we live. Jesus taught that love was not confined to words alone, but made real in truth and action. Stir such a love in our hearts, so that all we do may be evidence of our identity as Easter people, filled with the life of the risen Christ. Amen.
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HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432

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- Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rule of Life

arr. Cynthia Wilson

Becca Clarke, vocalist; Tyler Carlisle, keyboard

SCRIPTURE

1 John 3: 16-24

Karen Flock

MESSAGE

Truth and Action

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Glorious God, we know that your capacity to love is infinitely greater than our own ability. Indeed, you call us to love one another in truth and in action. We yearn to be active disciples, so that our hearts truly abide with you. Use these gifts to increase our ability to be your followers. In the name of the One who laid down His life for us, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen. (David S. Bell, ©2021)

HYMN

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

UMH 581

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1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked Your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to Your purpose ev'ry gift which You impart.
2. Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love Your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
3. As we worship grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the deeds and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving Your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to Your service, forth in Your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know, and live.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord!

arr. Kristen Polhamus

Tyler Carlisle, keyboard

Prayer Requests

Newall: Friendly Valley Community UMC — Pastor John Wang

Lancaster UMC — Pastor Greg Pittman

Evelyn Whitacre — Daughter Susie having mastectomy on Monday at Cottage Hospital

Kathy Fierro — Son Geoff, in Cleveland hospital with possible stroke/cardiac issues

Worth Noyes — in home hospice, suffering from COPD

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