

April 16, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*PRELUDE instrumental

WELCOME

*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

HYMN #469 "Morning Has Broken"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A week ago we declared that Christ is risen!

People: Today we affirm that Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: God is alive..

People: New birth is given.

Leader: Hope is alive...

People: A new age is dawning.

Leader: Joy is alive...

People: Redemption is here.

Leader: Love is alive...

People: Death cannot harm us.

Leader: We are alive...

People: New life is within us.

Leader: The church is alive...

People: God's spirit is within us.

All: God of life, we worship you. God of creation, we praise you. God of revelation, we learn from you. God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you.

Leader: Let's worship God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We serve a risen Saviour yet live as if in chains. Forgive us, Lord, that we are so hesitant to live the resurrection life. Forgive us that we fail to show through word and action the truth that you loved us into your kingdom through the glorious mystery of the Cross. Forgive us that there is still fear in our lives that prevents us from achieving our full

potential. [. . . Enter a time of silent confession] Draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, open our hearts to the wonder of the Cross and the empty tomb. We are your children. Use our hands to the service of your kingdom wherever we go, that your name might be glorified through our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN #304 "Jesus Loves Me"

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Jesus Changes Everything for the Disoriented"

Scripture: John 21:1-19

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

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MUSIC "You Are So Good To Me" Praise Band

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Instrumental

Some of our worship material is adapted from:

- Life in Liturgy from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com>;
- Weekly Worship of the Christian Aid, <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/churches/weekly-worship>;
- John Birch on his Faith and Worship website;
- Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell on her blog. <http://rev-o-lution.org>; Carole Penner, and posted on <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship>

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