

Welcome to Worship! | April 30, 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.

GATHERING

Prelude Now the Green Blade Riseth

Michael McCabe

Welcome

Moment for Mission

*Call to Worship

Day by day, God leads us:

to the deep, soothing waters of peace.

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

To pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

the community we could be, the church we are called to become.

*Gathering Prayer

*Hymn 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it can be to be your people. You have called us to be your church in this world. Yet we acknowledge that we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from faithfully following and serving you. Have mercy upon us, and awaken our hearts to your powerful presence as we pray in silence...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sung Response 441 Hear the Good News of Salvation (vs 1)

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

Acts 2:42-47

Sermon: *Inspiring One Another* Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

*Hymn 321 The Church's One Foundation

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Moses Ken Medema

*Doxology 606

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*Blessing

*Dismissal

We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us.

Postlude Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger Choir Director, Angela Burns Organist/Pianist, Steve Lowry Adult Choir Lay Reader, Evelyn Estep

Our Church's Mission

Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.