

April 18, 2021

Before service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

Service for the Worship of God



Our Mission is to be a community of disciples with a heart for God and hands to help others.

* = All who are able please stand **boldface** = congregation participates

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Miraculous God, come to us now, even as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Peace be with you. People: And also with you.

Leader: Come and see the love God has given to us.

People: Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Leader: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

ALL: With joy, we come to see the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. There is no darkness now, only light.

People: God continues to renew us and restore us. We are forgiven, loved and restored,

receiving the gift and promise of new life and resurrection now.

Leader: Go and share the wondrous news of God's love in Jesus the Christ. **People: Alleluia! Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Ain't No Grave

MESSAGE: Have you anything here to eat?

Responding to the Word

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Going Forth to Serve

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Lauren Cochran, Pastor Martha Intrieri, Reader Kurt Schweitz, Messenger Band Director Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor