



April 7th, 2024

Gathering

During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.

Prelude “A Resurrection Fanfare” by Lani Smith

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*Congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

People: He is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

People: He is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: By Christ’s love we are made new and embraced in joy and peace.

People: He is risen! Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn #774 “There Is Now a New Creation” vs 1-2, 4-5

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we desire your kingdom, but we confess that we often desire other kingdoms as well. Where we have dishonored you in our pursuit to honor self, forgive us, Lord. Where we have failed to love our neighbor in pursuit of fatal successes, forgive us, Lord. Where we have strayed from the path of peace, justice, and mercy, forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts towards you that we might truly seek first your kingdom, for the sake of Christ we pray.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Followers of Jesus, we are enfolded in God’s divine, redeeming kingdom. Receive with joy the forgiveness offered to you:

People: God’s mercy is abundant, God’s joy is new each morning. Thanks be to the Lover of our souls!

*Musical Response #2193 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (STF)

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Call to Prayer #2193 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: Matthew 13:31-35, 44-47

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Kingdom eBay: Good Deals and Priceless Values”

*Hymn #771 “What Is the World Like?” vs 1, 3, 5

Time for Response to Sermon

Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God most high.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn #2263 “Broken for Me”

We will sing the hymn together while receiving the elements. Then we will all take the elements together after the hymn.

Prayer After Communion

Announcements

Sending

*Closing Hymn #12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*Benediction

Postlude “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” arr. by Lloyd Larson

Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God’s presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Pastor; **Heidi Thomas**, Music Director;
Edie Lovegren, Liturgist; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host

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