

April 8, 2018

(\*indicates standing as you are able.)

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WELCOME

PRELUDE "Lift High the Cross" arr. Alice Jordan

We quiet ourselves in prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God.

\*HYMN "Thine Be the Glory" 308

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

\*THE PEACE

CHERUB GRADUATION

CHERUB ANTHEM: "I Stand Amazed" Emily French-Lujan  
Soloists: Maggie Kaufman and Carter Gregson

LAMBS' TALK "Where Children Belong" 2233  
(Following the Lambs' Talk, Children are invited to Junior Church)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

(During Prayer you are welcome to come the altar railing)

THE OFFERING

(If you give electronically, you will find a Green E-Giving card, located in the pew-card rack, to place in the offering plate.)

OFFERTORY "Easter Carol" Lithuanian Folk Song, arr. A. Jordan

\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts,

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts,

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN "Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise" 2084

\*SCRIPTURE Acts 4:23-37

CHANCEL CHOIR "Behold Now, Praise The Lord" -Everett Titcomb

SERMON The Resurrection Effect

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The pastor prays, concluding: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(The pastor prays, concluding, As we proclaim the mystery of faith) Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

(The pastor continues, concluding with –all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever)

Amen! The pastor concludes saying: And now with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using the word sins and sin)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

\*HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" 577

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Toccata Giocosa" Gilbert Martin

(Depart in peace or remain in reflection and prayer)

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Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Steven M. Livermore

Pastor

Ms. Allie Mahon

Worship Leader

Rev. Fran Norton

Associate Pastor

Mr. Tom Evitts

Organist

Mr. Don Dickinson

Chancel Choir Director

Acts 4:23-37 New International Version (NIV)

23 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

24 When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. 25 You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 26 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.'

27 Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. 29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), 37 sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.



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