

Service for the Lord's Day April 25, 2021



10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

Threshold Moment

Hymn #240 Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks



Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession by Thom Shuman

In these weary days, we not only have trouble finding words of hope and life, God of Grace, we have even more trouble turning words into actions. We continue to struggle to be one in heart and soul, as we choose sides, listen to conflicting voices, and turn our backs on those who are different. And with such great grace poured out on us, we tend to hoard it, rather than sharing it with those around us.

Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, that we would rather stay behind the locked doors of our fears, rather than go out into the light of the future you offer to us. Fill us with healing and grace as we offer our brokenness to you, that we might be made whole. This we pray, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.

Silent Confession

Declaration of God's Grace

Congregational Response #232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (vs 4)
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Passing of the Peace

As a forgiven people, let us now share the peace of Christ with one another. Take out your phone and text to a church member, friend or family member - "The Peace of Christ be with you."

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 4:23-37

Sermon Shaking with Bravery

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Comment on Facebook if you have a joy or concern to be shared. You can also email or call the church with prayer concerns. Tomorrow we will send a list of prayer concerns over email to our community.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

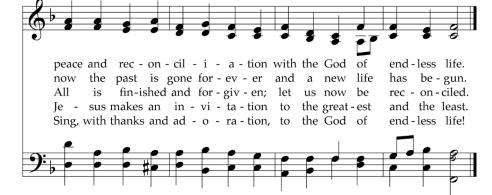
Offering

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Hymn #774 There Is Now a New Creation

1 There is now a new cre - a-tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ, 2 Call the lost and found to-geth-er; tell the news to ev - ery - one: 3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel-come; run to greet the way-ward child. 4 Come and join the cel - e - bra-tion; come and join this hap - py feast; 5 There is now a new cre - a-tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.





Charge & Benediction The Work of the People Video

Postlude O Worship the King

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Liturgists: Bob Kleine & Judy Karandjeff; Jim & Nancy Robertson

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver Video Producer: Heather Myer

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