

## Sunday April 24, 2022

### Prelude and Chimes

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord!

People: **Praise the Lord! Praise God in the sanctuary! Praise God in all creation!**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: **This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.**

ALL: **Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Let us worship this day in joy and peace.**

### \*Invocation

**God of the mountains and valley, oceans and streams, cities and suburbs, we open our hearts to you. Hear our prayers and hymns of praise. Fill us with hope. Gently heal our brokenness and touch our hearts with your love. Open our hearts to your presence and help us love you every day of our lives. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #558: "O How Glorious, Full of Wonder"**

### Prayer of Confession

**God of all worlds, and all time, we gather voicing thanks for this season of resurrection. May our worship be as an Easter tide.**

**Wash over us and seep into us to refresh and to cleanse. Dissolve the prejudices that cling to us like barnacles, the jealousies that lodge in the crevices of memory. Move toward us with power and might when we are rock rigid in our views and when we are unforgiving as granite. Let us hear the thunderous sound of good news as it breaks upon our hardness of heart. And bid us, God, to dare to journey upon the sea of the Spirit. May the waves of an Easter tide buoy us up and beckon us to the adventure of resurrection living. Amen.**

### Silent Prayer

## Words of Assurance

God is in such a hurry to forgive us that we are already trusted with new opportunities to live into Christ's call and are led to all the other people God wants to reach. Thanks be to God.

We are a forgiven people!

## Passing of the Peace

*(For those in the sanctuary please remain in your seats as you turn to one another and by word and a gesture that is comfortable to you, you greet one another. For those in remote locations be aware that you too are included in the peace that Christ gives us all.)*

**Response Hymn #236:** "Hallelujah"

Halle, halle, halleluja.  
Halle, halle, halleluja.  
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**Reading from the Psalms:** Psalm 150

Liisa Granfors-Hunt

**Reading from the Gospel:** John 20:19-31

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**Special Music:**

Laura Knutson

**Sermon:** "Breathing"

**\*Hymn #238:** "Now the Green Blade Rises"

## The Community at Prayer

*(Joys and Concerns, Prayer for the People, Lord's Prayer)*

**Prayer Response Hymn #282** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" *(Refrain only)*

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

## Invitation to Offering

All people shall give as they are able, according to the blessings which God has given them.

*(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate as you enter or leave the sanctuary, through mailing your gift to the church office or through signing up for electronic giving through our website.)*

### **Doxology #780**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, we ask your blessing upon these tangible expressions of our joy and care. Renew in us a sense of our abundance in all times and a never-failing compassion for all who need hope, for we pray in the Spirit of Jesus Christ who is the source of hope and joy, of our gifts and our open hands. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #556: "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"**

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**