

April 7, 2024

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God of soft spring rain and white-petaled dogwood, God of extravagant love, God of all that is and all that shall ever be, you call us to celebrate your life and death and new life among us.

People: **Like the disciples who sold their possessions and laid them at the foot of the apostles so that no one would be in need, we bring our whole lives to the foot of the cross, trusting the promise of eternal life in your resurrection.**

Leader: As we look for your new promise, make your presence known to us in our song and in our silence and in the moving of your Holy Spirit among us.

***Hymn #433:** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: John 20:19-31 Rick Ransom

Anthem: My Savior Dies to Set Me Free, arranged by Patrick M. Liebergen

Time With Young Disciples: "Telling the Truth"

***Unison Prayer**

God of thunderstorms and rainbows, God of exuberant laughter, God of birth and death and eternal life, you have given us the gift of yourself, poured out for the healing of the world. Our thanks are not enough for all of your many gifts to us, but gratitude is all we can offer, the only thing that we can give to the One who is the source of all. We give thanks for those who have gone before us and carried the good news wherever they went, and whose words today continue to bring new hope and promise. Amen.

Sermon: "Peace Be With You"

***Hymn #506:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you

God be with you.
And also with you

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God

Let us give thanks to God Most High.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life, and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing...With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:

**Holy, holy, holy God
Of love and majesty
The whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God most high.**

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Let us pray: **We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

***Hymn #539: "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**