

## WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S RISEN PRESENCE

**GATHERING MUSIC**                      Selections from Book 1-3                      Julio S. Sagreras  
Christopher Sho Moyer, Guitar

**WELCOME AND CENTERING SILENCE**                      Abby Emerson

**\* UNISON INTROIT FOR EASTER SEASON** (Hymn 232, v. 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.*

**\* OPENING SENTENCES**                      Abby Emerson  
We are called to be God's children.  
**God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!**  
Fear and doubt are gone!  
**Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!**  
Come, let us raise our voices in song!  
**Let us offer our hearts and souls to God in prayer and praise. Amen.**

**\* HYMN #366**                      "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"                      HYFRYDOL

**\* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**                      Elianna Gorman  
Beloved in Christ: God is with us!  
**We are not alone!**  
Let us pray...

**CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION**                      Dylan Emerson

**UNISON CONFESSION**  
Loving God, we confess that there are times we do not represent your love to others.  
We do not always remember to look beyond our differences and see your face in each other. We do not always choose peace. We often choose the world over your heavenly gifts. Forgive us when we do not follow you and when we do not praise you for your daily blessings. Comfort our troubled hearts and hear our silent confessions.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**FIRST LESSON**                      1 John 3:16-24                      (Pew Bible, O.T. p.240)  
Christopher Moyer, reader

**ANTHEM**                      *I Am a Child of God*                      Mildred Pettit and Naomi Ward Randall  
Abby Emerson, solo; Samuel Kazu Moyer, cello  
I am a child of God, and he has sent me here. He has given me an earthly home with parents kind and dear. Lead me, guide me, walk beside me, help me find the way. Teach me all that I must do to live with him someday. I am a child of God, and so my needs are great. Help me to understand his words before it grows too late. I am a child of God, rich blessings are in store. If I but learn to do his will, I'll live with him once more.

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**                      Luke 24:36b-48                      (Pew Bible, N.T. p.91)  
Blaine Ryan Jr., reader

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**                      Samuel K. Moyer

**SUNG BLESSING** (Hymn 188, v. 1)  
*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**SERMON**                      "A Witness to God's Love"                      Elizabeth Spear

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

**\* HYMN #693**                      "Though I May Speak"                      GIFT OF LOVE

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**                      Evan Greif

**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.

**NEWS OF OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY**

Elianna Gorman

**OFFERTORY**

*Do Lord, O Do Lord*  
Dylan Emerson, trombone

African American Spiritual

**\* DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Christopher S. Moyer

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**\* HYMN #766**

“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

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**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Dylan Emerson

**DEPARTING MUSIC**

*Moderato from Concerto in C Major*  
Samuel K. Moyer, cello

Joseph Haydn

*The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the music is played.*

**Our Mission**

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,  
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

**Staff**

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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

Youth Sunday

April 14, 2024

10 a.m.

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