

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S RISEN PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC *Première Symphonie IV. Allegro Vivace* Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

*** UNISON INTROIT FOR EASTER SEASON** (Hymn 485, v. 1)

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.

Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold.

And our despair he tuned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

*** OPENING SENTENCES**

Evan Greif

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I am the vine and you are the branches

Those who abide in me and in them will bear much fruit.

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. Amen.

*** HYMN 246**

“Christ is Alive”

TRURO

*** ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION

Gracious Lord: We have fallen short of the glory you put in us. For the pain we have caused with words and deeds, the ungodly judgments we hand down in our thoughts, and the goodness and compassion we withheld through silence and inaction, we ask your forgiveness. Save us from our waywardness and set us free to love and serve you above all else, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Ephesians 2:15-22 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.193)

ANTHEM

I Will Give Thanks Unto Thee, O Lord

Gioachino Rossini

Mae Alice Harrell, solo

Chancel Choir

I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, among the people. And I will sing unto Thee, O Lord, among the nations. O Lord, give thanks to Thee among the nations. The greatness of Thy mercy doth reach unto the heavens O Lord. Set up Thyself O God, above the heavens and Thy glory above all the Earth. I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord and praise Thy name. Amen.

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

John 15:1-5, 9-17

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.78)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 487, v. 1 and v. 4)

These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow.

With love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.

Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community.

Empower us to realize God's kingdom through our children's eyes.

SERMON

“Well-Connected?”

Dr. Butler

“You are members of the household of God...with Christ as the cornerstone.”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*** HYMN 306**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY *Fröhliches Kinderlied*, Nr. K 1026 Toraji Ohnaka

* **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**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN 285** “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” BRIDEGROOM

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *Toccatà in F Major BWV 540* Johann Sebastian Bach

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing 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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother’s Day

May 12, 2024

10 a.m.
