

# Morning Worship

**April 24, 2022, 10:00 am**

*\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

**Worship Theme:** Leaving Fear Behind to Make Disciples

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** Easter Medley Lani Smith

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** John Rajpolt

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 150 Leader

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!**

Leader: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

**People: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!**

Leader: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

**People: Praise him with clanging cymbals;**

Leader: praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" UMH #315  
(v. 1,2,5)

**\*Opening Prayer** (Unison) Leader

Holy God, Creator, Savior, and Counselor, we gather to praise you in this sanctuary. But after just a week since our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, in such a short time, we can feel the excitement fading. We are buffeted by the challenges of everyday life, and we are subject to doubt. We are sometimes even afraid to share our salvation story with others. Yet you never change. You are always there. You always keep your promises. Remind us anew of

your promise to be with us until the end of the age. We pray this in your holy name. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Alleluia, Jesus is King"

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**New Testament Lesson:** Acts 5: 27–32 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** John 20: 19–31 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "Unlock the Door" Bill Florin

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn of Response** "We Walk By Faith" TFWS #2196  
(v. 1-4)

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns**

**Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering of our Gifts** (Please mail in your offerings)

**\*Doxology**

**Offering Prayer (Unison)**

Eternal God, we bring you our gifts today as a tangible sign of our faithfulness to you and our commitment to do your work. May these tithes and offerings be pleasing to you. We ask you for your blessing on them so they may be used for your Kingdom work. All glory is yours Lord. Amen.

