# **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.

#### WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*Sending Hymn "Spirit of God" TFWS #2117

(v. 1,2,5)

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Resp. "He Is Exalted" TFWS #2070



Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for **Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship

Next up: <u>John 21:1-19</u>



Zoom Link YouTube (https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Live Meeting) (Recorded Sessions)

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# Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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> Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674 Passcode: 2819 Dial-in: +1 929 205 6099

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Sunday, April 24, 2022

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