

Sunday Worship
April 14, 2024, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: New Life

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Ed Hendricks

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** *Isaiah 35* Leader

Leader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

People: **the desert shall rejoice and blossom;**

Leader: like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,

People: **and rejoice with joy and singing.**

Leader: The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,

People: **the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.**

Leader: They shall see the glory of the Lord,

People: **the majesty of our God.**

***Opening Hymn** "Christ is Alive" UMH #318
(v. 1,2,5)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
God of all creation, we thank you for Your creation of this day. More than that, we thank you for inviting us to be a part of it! You spoke through the prophets of bringing life-giving water into an arid and dead land so that every living creature that swarms will live. You turned a grave into a garden when Jesus rose from the dead to be reunited with his friends. Today, may that same life-giving power bring us into new life! We confess and reject our tendency to hold onto our dead ways. May we commune with You today to experience life everlasting. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Arise!" Hal Lippencott

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Ezekiel 47:1-10](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 24:36-49](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Preach the Resurrection" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Open The Eyes of My Heart"

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts

***Doxology**

Offering Prayer (Unison) by Matthew Cacace

Loving God, As we come before you in this time of offering, we bring to you our treasures with open hearts. We recognize, Lord, that all we have is a gift from you. You have entrusted us with resources, both material and spiritual, and now we release them back to you, asking that you use them according to your divine will. Just as you kept your promise to your disciples, we promise to keep supporting you and your work, and offer these gifts for the greater good. Lord Jesus, you are the giver of new life. We acknowledge that through you, all things are made new. May this act of giving be a symbol of our desire for spiritual renewal and growth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn “Open Our Eyes Lord” TFWS #2086

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “Shalom to You” UMH #666

Postlude

Coffee Hour Hosted by Betty and Ed Hendricks

Coming Up:

Apr. 21st - Sunday Worship Service @10am - “Jesus: The Good Shepherd” Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God’s Word to hear about how the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep ([John 10:11–18](#)) - Sound familiar?!? 😊

Join us Wednesday’s @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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“Growing in the Body of Christ”