

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

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We linger joyfully with these lessons for a season!

We give you thanks and praise. Alleluia!

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and support to the challenged. **We give you thanks and praise. Alleluia!**

... and act as if you have no claim on our lives, **forgive us;**

... but we default to what is comfortable and safe, **forgive us;**

... but we make little room in our lives for gestures of mercy, **forgive us.**

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while walking side-by-side—with our neighbors,

for our neighbors, and for you. **Alleluia! Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

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!

TEXT: stanza 4. Charles Wesley, 1740, PD MUSIC: Lyra Davidica, 1708; adapt. from The Compleat Psalmist, 1749 PD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:26-39

SERMON

"How Did We Get Here?"

Rev. Laura Viau

DUET

For Everyone Born

Brian Mann

Vicki Chadwick, soprano; Ken Curry, tenor

Please sing Refrain with us the 3rd and 4th times ☺

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

jus-tice and joy!

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a loving God,
who is life's breath for all of earth's creatures,
who is the path on which our lives flourish,
who is the mystery toward which we are drawn.**

Continued

**We believe in the risen Christ,
whose life is the way we see God made real,
whose death bears witness to the power of love,
whose companionship nourishes our spirits each day.
We believe in the holy Spirit,
who flows as a refreshing spring of life,
who comes as divine fire to energize the faithful,
who creates communities of justice and joy.**

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PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

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.

HYMN *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.
Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new pow'r and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.**

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

4th Sunday of Easter | April 25, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Easter people, have you heard the news?

Christ is here! In our hearts, in our lives, and in our midst.

Christ is our companion on this road of faith.

We come, ready for Christ to open our eyes.

Alleluia! Let us worship God.

HYMN

O Lord, My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:

How great thou art! How Great thou art!

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How great thou art! How great thou art!

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: (Refrain)**

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