



# SUNDAY, APRIL 21

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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### OPENING SENTENCES

One: Let us gather together in the presence of our gracious God,

**All: who calls us to love one another as Christ loved us.**

### WELCOME

**PRELUDE** | Prelude in D Major by J.S.Bach

**CALL TO WORSHIP** | Psalm 23

One: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

**All: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.**

One: Even though we walk through dark valleys,  
even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

**All: Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy;  
we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ **HYMN #409** | God Is Here!

+ **CALL TO CONFESSION**

+ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we are convicted of our failure to love as Christ loved us. We acknowledge that there have been moments when we have turned a blind eye to the needs of others and when we have failed to extend a helping hand to those in need. Forgive us, O God, for our lack of compassion and selflessness. Forgive us for the times when our love has been merely words without deeds. Even in our shortcomings, we cling to the promise of your forgiveness and grace. Empower us, O God, by your Spirit, to abide in Christ and to keep his commandments. Amen.

+ **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

+ **RESPONSE #240**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.**

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### SHARING THE FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

*(Children are invited to go upstairs to the nursery or Agape Kidz, for music and crafts.*

*All children are welcome to remain in the worship service too. We really do like having them around.)*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** | Irie Ikler

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** | Genesis 4:1-12 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 3)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** | 1 John 3:11-24 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 240)

The Spirit speaks to the church today. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** | Rev. John Kupar

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** | from a Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

+ **HYMN #215** | What Wondrous Love Is This

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** | Barbara Kuhn

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

*EACM's April Needs: Coffee, Tissues, Dried beans, Paper Towels, Pancake mix and syrup,  
Feminine hygiene supplies, Canned fruit (no sugar or light syrup preferred)*

**OFFERTORY** | The King of Love

arr. Mark Schweizer

+ **DOXOLOGY #232**

***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!***

Give Online: 

+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS/DEBTORS)**

**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 #748** | Go with Us, Lord (sung three times)

+ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** | Christ lag in Todesbanden by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

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We welcome Laura Lea Duckworth as our guest organist.

*Our Concerns: Gary Sisler (friend of Sarah Nicholson), Rick Sweet, Leila Sublett, Paul Wessel (friend of the Harrymans), Elizabeth Vincent (daughter of Kathy Costanzo), Juanita Wagner, Julie Matos (niece of Tom & Marsha Biven), Ray Cashen (Larry Cashen's brother), Lionel & Ellie Hawse (friends of Larry Cashen).*

Rev. Tara N. Reck, Pastor  
Rev. John Kupar, Associate Pastor

Dr. Robert Bozeman, Minister of Music  
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