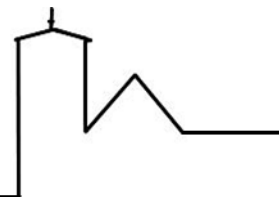


# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



## GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

### THE PREPARATION

Two Settings of Psalm 23

Prelude on "St. Columba"

Prelude on Brother James's Air

*Traditional Irish/Healey Willan*

*Searle Wright*

### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our gathering here today is yet another wave of the mighty resurrection event.

**We are gathered by the living Christ.**

Let us rejoice in His presence and reaffirm our love and commitment.

**We love because Christ has first loved us.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb,

**Be blessing, honor, glory, and might forever and ever.**

### OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*Duke Street*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

**In our solitude, darkness, and fear-filled grief, we tend to isolate ourselves from the community we need most—those who will witness to Christ among us and help us believe even when we cannot understand.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and draw us into your all-encompassing love. Help us embrace hope amid despair, find joy in the midst of pain, and celebrate life even when confronted with death. We believe, Lord. Help our unbelief.**

### TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

#### KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

*John Weaver*

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### GLORIA HYMN 567

Glory to the Father

*John Weaver*

## HEARING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 34:7-15

\*PSALM 23

**Shepherd Me, O God**  
*(see insert)*

*Marty Haugen*

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 2:19-21

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

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

SERMON:

**Rev. Tim Mitchell**

HYMN 171

**The King Of Love My Shepherd Is**

*St. Columba*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(UNISON)*

**We believe in God,  
sovereign in grace and love,  
maker of all things.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
the eternal Word of God,  
the firstborn of a new creation.**

**We believe in God's eternal Spirit,  
pledge and foretaste of the future,  
given that we may not lose the way,  
who has endowed us with a diversity of gifts.**

**We are a pilgrim people  
on the way to the promised goal.**

**On this way,  
we are called to live and work within the faith and unity  
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**In this unity,  
we offer our worship, witness and service  
and receive one another in love and joy.**

**We are being led to the free obedience  
of the children of God,  
and so we look with yearning and hope  
to the final reconciliation of humanity with God,  
and the renewal of all creation.**

**Alleluia. Amen.**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

**THE GIFT OF MUSIC**

**This Joyful Eastertide (Vruechten)**

*John Ferguson*

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen...

Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river. Lover of souls, from ill from ill my passing soul deliver. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his prison, our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen!



**SEALING THE WORD**

**INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS**

*In your mercy...*      **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*singing together, Hymn 571*)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,  
On earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

**CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*HYMN 108**

**Christ is Alive!**

*Truro*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Postlude on Duke Street**

*Michael Burkhardt*

Leading in worship today:

**Rev. Tim Mitchell**

**Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster**

**J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · Kate Kortemeier, alto**

**David Kortemeier, bass · Dan Stanley, tenor**

**Rebekah Dentino, soprano**



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

4.19.26

Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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