

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**All Are Welcome Here:** For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. Large print bulletins are available at both entrances. Additionally, services are live streamed in the chapel, should you need to step out of the service for any reason. Simply turn on the TV. Please see a Deacon if you need assistance.

**Coffee Hour:** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour following service today.

**Large print bulletins** are now available upon request.

**April Book Club will meet Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00pm** to discuss *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman.

The **Women of the Bible Study** will meet next on **Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>** at 1pm in the Chapel.

The **Chapel Stitchers** meet next on **April 14<sup>th</sup>** following coffee hour. All are welcome to join us.

**Dates for Lunch & Learn** - April 3rd, May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> - 12:30pm in the Taylor Room.

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#### Today's Service

Deacon on Duty	Jan McCarthy
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Scripture Reader	Pam Cafiero
Acolytes	Christian Metz & Georgia Bradley Lisk

*"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*



**March 31, 2024**

**Easter Sunday**

**WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**PRELUDE**

*That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*  
arr. Cathy Molkebust (The Village Ringers)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: God has claimed us as his own.**

Leader: God has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All: God's people have gathered. Let us worship God together.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

### GLORIA PATRI\*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.*

HYMN\* *Christ the Lord is Risen Today #216*

### INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you for this happy day. Christ is risen. Death is defeated. Love has conquered. And our lives can never be the same. Help us to be attentive to your voice, whispering within, inspiring us to faith. In this hour may we worship you in all sincerity and truth. We ask this in Jesus' name who taught us to pray, saying:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response

SCRIPTURE READING John 11:25

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory *Hallelujah Chorus "Mount of Olives"*  
Beethoven

### Song of Presentation\*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### Offering Prayer\*

Generous God, receive our offering. Guide those who use it that it may help give life to those in need. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

HYMN *In the Garden #227*

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:11-18

Choral Response

SERMON *In His Steps: He Called My Name*

Choral Response

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN\* *Crown Him with Many Crowns #234*

BENEDICTION\* - spoken and sung.

POSTLUDE *Fantasia for Easter Morning*  
arr. Albin C. Whitworth

*\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit*

