

# *Welcome To Worship*

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***Sunday, April 30, 2023 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

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***\*Those who are able may stand***

**PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP**

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

***Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone  
Bells of Praise***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVITATION TO REST**

***Come People of the Risen King  
Bells of Praise***

**\*OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)**

We come to worship the risen Christ.

**Praise to Christ, the good shepherd!**

Alleluia, praise to Christ, the gate!

**Alleluia, praise to Christ, the lamb!**

Alleluia, praise to Christ, our savior!

**Christ is risen still! Alleluia!**



**\*GATHERING HYMN #187....."Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

**KYRIE**

*(Please join us in the "Kyrie", an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, "Lord, have mercy". The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)*

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*

*Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)*

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**Kyrie Eleison**

**Christe Eleison**

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**CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)**

**God of community,**

**You call us to a world radically different from the one we are used to.**

**You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours".**

You show us a life where all the goods of creation are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity.

But we cling to our possessions,

Trusting them more than we trust you.

Forgive us, merciful God.

Help us to truly believe in your Kingdom of justice and peace on earth.

And to work to make it so.

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***SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.***

**DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)**

Siblings in Christ, may you know that:

In God's Kingdom,

Those who are lost are pursued

All who lack will are embraced

Mistakes are not a problem

They are simply doorways of grace.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*RESPONSE HYMN #177....."You Are Mine"**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

**Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain.**

**Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.**  
**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

**FIRST READING..... Acts 2:42-47**

*Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!*

**HYMN #473....."Shepherd Me, O God" (Psalm 23)**

**SECOND READING..... 1 Peter 2:18-25**

*Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON        The Direction of God Is Never A Destination**

**Rev. Michael Ozaki**

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #802....."The King of Love"**

**PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #300....."We Are One in the Spirit"**

**\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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