# Order of Worship for April 21, 2024

Please take time this morning to sign the Friendship Pads. It's a great way for us to remind neighbors in the pews of our names, and to share contact information with the church office!

## Gathering

## **Prayer of Preparation**

Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

Book of Common Worship

**Prelude** "Partita on Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

Matthew Corl

Heather Martin Cooper, organist

Welcome Rev. Dr. Jim Shultz Lead Pastor

# **Praising**

#### **Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Lynn Paclwood Minister of Music and Pastoral Care

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We give you thanks, great God, for the hope

we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and

rules over all.

People: We praise you for his presence with us.

Leader: Because he lives, we look for eternal life,

People: Knowing that nothing past, present, or

yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ,

our Lord.

#### \*Hymn No. 599

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

**MADRID** 

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand, in body or in spirit!

## Confessing

Call to Confession of Faith

--Heidelberg Catechism, Q and A 45

Leader:

What benefit do we receive from the resurrection

of Christ?

**Confession of Faith** 

People: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death

that he might make us share in the righteousness which he has obtained for us through his death.

Second, we too are now raised by his power to a

new life.

Third, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge

to us of our blessed resurrection.

\*Confession Response

(Tune found at Hymn No. 193)

"All Praise to God the Father Be"

DUKE STREET

All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to Thee, Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore.

**Proclaiming** 

\*Scripture Reading

John 20:24-31

Pew Bible, p. 907

—from II Timothy 3:16

\*Scripture Response

This is the word from God's true book, the Bible.

People:

Leader:

Breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,

for reproof, for correction, and for training in

righteousness.

Message:

"How to Doubt Your Faith"

Rev. Dr. Shultz

Responding

\*Hymn No. 690

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

EL NATHAN

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

# Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Offertory

8:30 -- "I Am the Resurrection"

Goeller

Chancel Choir

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me shall never die.

Do you believe this?

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me shall never die.

11:00 -- "Pastorale from Psalm Impressions"

Douglas Wagner

Heather Martin Cooper, organist

\*Offertory Response

(Tune found at Hymn No. 351)

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory Be to God on High!"

HYFRYDOL

Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory be to God on high! Alleluia to the Savior, who has gained the victory! Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity! Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Sending

We Welcome Olga and Isaac Bonilla from El Centro Integral in Honduras

Annie Aeschbacher, translator

\*Hymn No. 946

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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\*Benediction Rev. Dr. Shultz

### **Postlude**

Prelude in C Major BWV 547 Heather Martin Cooper, organist J.S. Bach

The flowers are given in memory of Oakleigh French, Dick Kallus, and Bob Latta, and the happy 67 years. – Katie Latta

The flowers are given remembering Tristen. His time was too brief.

God set him free and called him home. We love you.

– Ed Dolnick and Margi Goehl, grandparents of Tristen Dolnick

Floral Arranger: Lillian Holden

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