

HANDBELL PRELUDE “Happy Morning” -Mokleburst

✦CALL TO WORSHIP -Liturgist
God of peace, we enter this holy room knowing the Gospel’s cornerstones of grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.
Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.
We know that those we have come to know as the builders and the rulers of the world do not have the final word.
The Gospel of Grace is the Lord’s doing.
Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of meanness and cruelty, **this is the day that the Lord has made.**
Grace is the ground upon which we walk.
Let us rejoice and be glad.

✦HYMN No. 254 “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

✦CALL TO CONFESSION -Liturgist
As we pray together, we are reminded that our confessions of sin, just like our confessions of faith, are held in community. The literal words matter less than the contrite hearts who speak it. Trusting God loves us, and we love and are loved by each other, let us pray.

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) -Liturgist
God of new life, restore hope throughout our bodies. Help us to breathe again. Strengthen us for the joy that is before us. Grant us eyes to see your beloved people all around us and ears to hear your good news through all the noise. Even as we have looked away, come to see us, call us forth from our locked rooms and bring us out to walk with you in the world you so love.

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON -Pastor
The God of truth is present to us in the speaking of truth. The Spirit of grace is present to us in the sharing of grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

✦GLORIA PATRI No. 581

Ushers Will Collect Prayer Cards

HANDBELL SOLO “Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION -Pastor
Holy God, we have come here for a word of life. As we seek you in your Word, meet us here. Grant us your wisdom and your hope.
Amen.

READINGS
Acts 5: 27 – 32; Pg. 123, NT -Maria Goodrich
Psalm 118: 20 – 29; Pg. 565-566, OT -Matthew McCarthy
John 20: 19 – 31; Pg. 115, NT -Pastor

SERMON: “Obeying God” -Pastor

✦HYMN No.250 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle’s Creed) (UNISON) -Pastor
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY CHARGE -Liturgist
Giving reminds us that God calls us beyond ourselves, and this is good news. So come and share in life together – whether you give an offering of prayer or praise, money, or time – come and practice a life invested in community. **Amen.**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY
Offertory: “Because He Lives” -Gaither
✦Doxology No. 606

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON) -Liturgist
God of abundance, take these gifts, which were already yours, and use them to knit us closer to each other and closer to the world you so love. Amen.

✠HYMN No.238 “Thine Is The Glory”

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

-Pastor

POSTLUDE “O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 27th, 2025
2nd Sunday of Easter
10:30am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Counters are needed to affirm the weekly deposits to the bank, please contact Ric Addenbrooke for more information.
- ❖ We are in need of a new Clerk of Session as Heather Miner is stepping down from her roll in late June. If you have interest, please speak to Rev. Hardy. Thank you Heather, for your many years of dedication to our church.
- ❖ Canal Clean Sweep is TODAY after Worship.
- ❖ Ladies Soup Luncheon – May 7th at 12:15pm.
- ❖ Handbell Concert – Friday, May 9th at 7pm featuring the Buffalo Bells who will perform “Music of the Cinema.” This is a FREE concert.
- ❖ Mother’s Day Tea – 12:30pm – 2:30pm – May 10th – Sign-up by April 27th. There is a sign-up sheet in Arnold Hall.
- ❖ We’re trying to do something special for Mother’s Day! If you have pictures of your mom, your grandma, or someone who is like a mom to you or your kids, get the pictures to the church office by May 7th so we can include them. Mom’s, you can even submit pictures of your kids and/or grandkids!
- ❖ **Check out the online newsletter for more information.**



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