

WORSHIP SERVICE
April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another
- * Call to Worship:

You, O Christ, are Lord of all creation.
You are exalted above all.
Every knee shall bow, and every tongue will confess,
That you are Lord!
We join with all creation and sing of your glory:
“Alleluia, Amen!”

- * Opening Song “Agnus Dei”

Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia

(You are) Holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

(Repeat)

- * Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Unison Prayer of Confession

Mighty and tender God, voice of the voiceless, power of the powerless,
We praise you for your vision and a community of wholeness,
A realm of peace, in which all who hunger and thirst are nourished,
in which the stranger is welcomed, the hurting are healed,
and the captive is set free.

Guide us by your truth and love until we and all of your people
make manifest your reign of justice and compassion.

We pray this in the name of our risen savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Assurance of God's love

Being both God and man, Jesus is the only Mediator between God and his people.

He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior!

In him the Father chose those whom he would save.

His electing love sustains our hope: God's grace is free to save sinners
who offer nothing but their need for mercy.

Thanks be to our risen Lord and savior!

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

“Sometimes a Helping Hand May Be a Listening Ear”

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. **14** “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Message: “Why Go To Church--Heal The World”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

Song of Response “Open Our Eyes”

Lift up your Hearts #297

Come and bring light to a people in darkness
Come set us free from the chains we have made
We are Your people the flock that You tend
Lord open our eyes once again
To the ones broken hearted: Open our eyes
To the plight of the poor: Open our eyes
To the innocent children: Open our eyes
Teach us compassion and love
Come and bring light to a people in darkness
Come set us free from the chains we have made
We are Your people the flock that You tend
Lord open our eyes once again
To the victims of violence: Open our eyes
To the ones who seek justice: Open our eyes
To those sitting in prison: Open our eyes
Teach us compassion and love
Come and bring light to a people in darkness
Come set us free from the chains we have made
We are Your people the flock that You tend
Lord open our eyes once again
When a color divides us: Open our eyes
When the darkness surrounds us: Open our eyes
When we choose to look elsewhere: Open our eyes
Teach us compassion and love
Come and bring light to a people in darkness
Come set us free from the chains we have made
We are Your people the flock that You tend
Lord open our eyes once again
To those full of life's sorrow: Open our eyes
To the needs of the lowly: Open our eyes
To the ones who seek peace: Open our eyes
Teach us compassion and love
Come and bring light to a people in darkness
Come set us free from the chains we have made
We are Your people the flock that You tend
Lord open our eyes once again

To those suffering illness: Open our eyes
To those trapped by addiction: Open our eyes
To those lost or forgotten: Open our eyes
Teach us compassion and love
Come and bring light to a people in darkness
Come set us free from the chains we have made
We are Your people the flock that You tend
Lord open our eyes once again
Open our eyes once again

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song "Go To The World"

Sing! A New Creation #294

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth Alleluia!
Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia!
Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!
Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen." Alleluia!

* Postlude

*Stand if you are able

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