Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Sing and Rejoice Greatly Meditation on "Trust in Jesus" Smith Keeney

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Bonnie Mecaughey

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord

∮ Invocation

Bonnie Mecaughey

Lord, our God, we trust your promise to be among us as we gather. We come in the name of Christ, drawn by your Spirit, eager to hear your Word. Fill our hearts with your Spirit and prepare us for faithful service. **Amen.**

Y Hymn 334

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

Bonnie Mecaughey

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Bonnie Mecaughey

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

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. A-men, A-men.

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern,

and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering and a sweet-smelling

sacrifice to God.

Offering

Offertory O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Dedication

O Mighty One, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—our selves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

∳ Hymn 124

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

<u>Proclaiming</u> God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon Help with a Heavy Load Celia Weber

Scripture Reading Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and revealed them to infants. ²⁶ Yes, Father, because this was your good pleasure. ²⁷ All things have been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son desires to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Sermon

"Resting in Jesus" Rev. Tim Latham

Responding
We respond to God's Word

∮ Hymn

Abide with Me

Abide with me fast falls the eventide The darkness deepens Lord with me abide When other helpers fail and comforts flee Help of the helpless abide with me

Verse 2

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee On to the close Lord abide with me Verse 3

I need Thy presence every passing hour What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be Through cloud and sunshine abide with me

Verse 4

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness Where is thy sting death where grave thy victory I triumph still abide with me

Verse 5

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies Heav'n's morning breaks And earth's vain shadows flee In life in death Lord abide with me

Profession of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth And in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate. Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Prayers of the People

<u>Commissioning</u>

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

¶ Hymn 435

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Linda Gyrath, Dennis Lesher

