

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30AM & 11:15AM

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

PRELUDE *Coronation* O. Holden/D. Schack

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY):

We have a message to preach to all.

Christ is risen.

Christ lived and preached love and liberation among us.

We are witnesses to his mighty acts.

Christ rose from the dead and appears to us still.

We rejoice in the living Savior.

Come; let us worship the God of love and life.

***OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE #159** *Lift High the Cross*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of mercy, we come celebrating our unity, but we confess the many ways that we are divided. Our nationality, ethnic origin, economic status, gender, age, and musical preferences all too often obscure the common calling we share in Christ's name. May our common identity as your children and our communal witness to Christ bind us together in your name. Forgive our tendency toward separation and division, and remind us that we are your Easter people.

Words of Assurance:

When we walk in the light of Christ, we have fellowship with one another. When we confess our sins, the One who is faithful and just forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

For in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has showered mercy upon the entire world. Amen.

***NEW TESTAMENT LESSON #1** 1 John 1:1-7 NRSV

ANTHEM #317 *O Sons and Daughters*

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

***GOSPEL LESSON** John 20: 19-31 NRSV

*GLORIA PATRI #70

WITNESS TO THE WORD Rev. Elizabeth Murray

***HYMN #367** *He Touched Me*

OFFERTORY *Diademata* G.J. Elvey/E.L. Diemer

*THE DOXOLOGY #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE #163 *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SENDING FORTH WITH THE LIGHT

***POSTLUDE** *Hallelujah! What A Savior* P.P. Bliss

*Please stand as you are able