



April 14, 2024

10:00 am

AN ASTERISK IN THE BULLETIN INDICATES THAT ALL FOR WHOM IT IS COMFORTABLE SHOULD RISE FOR THAT PART OF THE SERVICE

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Moriah Park
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN	'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'	No. 25

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: Let us fill our hearts and minds with hope as we hear the Words of Jesus Christ. **ALL: "Peace be with you."**

Leader: When peace and justice seem uncertain, let us hear anew the Words of Jesus Christ. **ALL: "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your minds?**" Leader: Let us be comforted by the presence of Christ, whose love, and light dwells within us.

ALL: Let our lives be witnesses of these things.

Leader: Help us to be instruments of Christ's peace to all in need of God's healing love.

OPENING PRAYER¹

*PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹

ALL: Loving God, in your infinite wisdom, we are glad that you make all things new. Where there is hate, show your love. Where there is war, bring your peace. Where there is despair, bring your hope. Where there is fear, bring your understanding. Where there is scarcity, bring your abundance. Where there is systemic oppression, bring equal justice for all. By your perfect grace and mercy, make us new. May it be so. Amen.

*WORDS OF GRACE ¹		
*SUNG RESPONSE	'God of Grace and God of Glory'	No. 464
A TIME FOR ALL AGES		
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	'Spirit of the Living God'	No. 259

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 4

4 Answer me when I cry out, my righteous God! Set me free from my troubles! Have mercy on me! Listen to my prayer! ² How long, you people, will my reputation be insulted? How long will you continue to love what is worthless and go after lies? Selah ³ Know this: the Lord takes personal care of the faithful. The Lord will hear me when I cry out to him. ⁴ So be afraid, and don't sin! Think hard about it in your bed and weep over it! Selah ⁵ Bring righteous offerings, and trust the Lord! ⁶ Many people say, "We can't find goodness anywhere. The light of your face has left us, Lord!"[a] ⁷ But you have filled my heart with more joy than when their wheat and wine are everywhere! ⁸ I will lie down and fall asleep in peace because you alone, Lord, let me live in safety.

SERMON

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Alex Green

Pastor Jeff Kardisco

During this time, we invite you to embrace the transition from hearing the word to gathering ourselves in prayer by taking a moment for quiet reflection either in your pew, or by coming forward to light a candle to give light to the prayer(s) on your heart that have no words to be expressed.

Come and Light a Candle...



PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (in unison)

Our Creator (Father) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS¹

Leader: All are invited to give joyously to the church that bears witness to Christ's love. **ALL: Let us give with a joyful heart.**

Leader: God's loving generous Spirit has given us every good and gracious gift.

ALL: We offer our gratitude for God's abundant blessings in our lives.

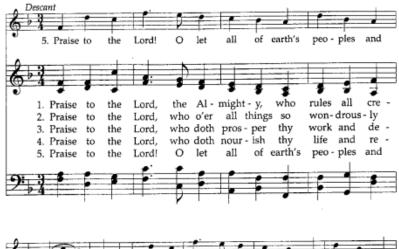
Leader: Now, let us be a blessing to others in the ways that God has faithfully and generously blessed us. Let us now receive this morning's offering.

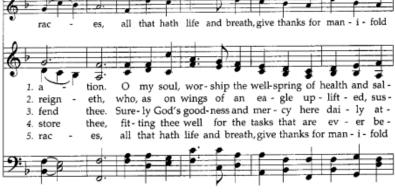
OFFERTORY	'Jesu, Lover of My Soul'	(Williamson/Hutson)
*OFFERTORY RESPONSE	'Now Thank We All Our God' (vs 1)	No. 715
PRAYER OF DEDICATION	1	
HYMN	'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'	No. 86
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	'O Praise the Name' by Sampson/Hastings/Ussher/Cumberland	(Anastasis)

Participating In Today's Worship Service: Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor Alex Green, Music Director Susannah Thornton, Soloist Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Harvey, Rev. Dr. Sheila. "Easter 3b – April 14." *United Church of Christ*, 28 Mar. 2024, www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-3b-april-14/.

25 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty





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LOBE DEN HERREN WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.; st. 4tr. Rupert E. Davies, 1983 MUSIC: Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665; desc. Craig Sellar Lang, 1953

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464 God of Grace and God of Glory and of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple God God of grace scorn thy Christ, as vil round us Lo! the hosts of e mad - ness; bend our pride to chil - dren's war - ring 3. Cure thy pla - ces; 4. Set our loft - y fill our lives that feet on the e - vils na - tion to 5. Save us from weak res . ig 7 cient church 's 1. pour thy power; crown thine an -sto ry; long have bound From the fears that us, 2. sail thy ways! self ish glad - ness, 3. thy con - trol; shame our wan ton, Christ - like gra - ces 4. we may be strength - ened with all de - plore; let the search for thy sal va - tion 5. we 1. bring its bud to glo-rious flower. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, 2. free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, rich cap-tives free. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, pledged to set all 5. be our glo-ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, the fac-ing of this hour, for the fac-ing of this hour. for for the liv - ing of these days. 2. for the liv-ing of these days, righ-teous goal. lest we miss thy 3. lest we miss thy righ-teous goal, 4. lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee. 5. serv-ing thee whom we a - dore, serv-ing thee whom we a - dore. CWM RHONDDA

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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715 Now Thank We All Our God 1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic-es, all 2. O may this boun-teous God through our life be near us, Fa - ther and our Moth - er, 3. All praise and thanks to God our joic who won-drous things has done, in whom the world re es, cheer joy - ful hearts and bless-ed peace to with ev - er us, to the One who binds us to each oth to Christ and er, \sim arms, has blessed us who, from our moth - ers' on our way full grace, and guide when per - plexed, and keep us of us God, whom earth and heaven a - dore, the one e - ter - nal 4 with count-less gifts of love, and still ours to day. is free us from all ills in this world and the next. and shall be for thus it was, isnow, and ev - er - more. WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt. NUN DANKET

MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840 67.67.66.66



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