



April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER
CENTERING

PRELUDE

Andante con moto, based on Irish hymn tune St. Columba, Opus 101, No. 6

Composer: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852-1924

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

WELCOME

Carol Henley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

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| ONE: | Holy God, we come together to worship, a people who would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls, with all our might, but there are so many other things in our lives that clamor for our attention |
| ALL: | that we often relegate you to Sundays and times when we want you to rescue us. |
| ONE: | Most of us really do want you to be the one in whom we live and move and have our being. We really do want to hear your voice above all of the other voices in our lives. |

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| ALL: | <p>But we get bogged down in the daily routine. We forget who we are. We forget who you are. We forget what the church is supposed to be.</p> |
| ONE: | <p>So here we are, standing before you today, with our human foibles and our short attention spans,</p> |
| ALL: | <p>asking that you would make yourself known to us, that you would help us to recognize the presence of the Holy, that you would continue to challenge us, inspire us, and make us into the people you want us to be.</p> <p>Amen.</p> |

WORD

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Composer: Howard Goodall, b. 1958

Publisher: Faber Music

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

Dr. Michael Wu, Piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

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| ONE: | <p>O Lord, we have not lived our lives as kingdom people.</p> |
| ALL: | <p>We place our crowns on hand-wringing, fear, and even greed. We are ruled by our schedules and our need for control.</p> |

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| | <p>We make idols of the things we acquire and of our immediate desires. We forget that your kingdom draws near to us on earth, as it is in heaven.</p> <p>Forgive us, we pray.</p> <p>Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom. Amen.</p> |
| ONE: | <p>The God of our Lord Jesus Christ blesses us and calls us “kingdom people.” In the name of the reigning Christ, we are forgiven.</p> |
| ALL: | <p>In the name of the reigning Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.</p> |

PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:1-10

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

*HYMN #375

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Words and Music: Afro-American Spiritual, adapt. and arr.: William Farley Smith, 1986

Music: William G. Fischer, 1869

Chancel Choir and Congregation

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

WONDER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

WHAT NOW

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

*HYMN #381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Words: Attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1859

Chancel Choir and Congregation

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Allegro on Alleluia No. 1

Composer: Donald Fishel, b. 1950, arr. Jeffrey Honoré, b. 1956

Publisher: Augsburg Fortress

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

ALTAR FLOWERS

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