

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 8, 2022**

**Theme: Unraveling Easter: The Best Is Yet to Come**

*Faith  
Hope  
Love*

*“These three remain, but the greatest of these is love.”* I Corinthians 13:13

***GATHERING***

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

*Prelude:* “Be Still My Soul” Sibelius

Call to Worship

Leader: O sing to God a new song.

**People: For God has done marvelous things.**

Leader: Because of God’s steadfast love to Israel, all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**People: Mothers of the earth and all who provide nurture, know that the risen Christ nurtures and guides from the heavenly realm.**

Leader: Therefore, make a joyful noise unto God all the earth.

**People: Break forth into joyous song and praises for God will rule the earth with righteousness.**

Leader: Nothing in all creation will separate us from the love of God in Jesus the Risen Christ.

\*Hymn: #619– “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” (see download)

\*Prayer of the Day

**O God who gives us birth, our lives are fragile at times, lacking wholeness in our days. Where cares fester in our hearts, or bitter anguish pitches us about as pounding waves crash the shore, stir our souls, uplift our hearts, instruct our minds, lighten our load. In all these things, we trust You to give us what we need. We need the nurturing love of our mothers. Through them we are sustained and with You we are safe and secure. Comforted, we will do your bidding, believing what we need to believe, going where You want us to go, living as You want us to live, serving as You need us to serve, and giving as You have blessed us to give. AMEN**

*Assurance of Pardon*

**\*Response:** In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

***PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD***

*Anthem:* “My God and I” Sergei

Epistle Reading: Acts 9:36-43

\*Hymn: ##730 “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” (see download)

Second Gospel Reading: John 19:26-27

Sermon: “Unraveling Easter—Behold, Your Mother”

***RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD***

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of Great gifts, we give You our gifts today knowing You are the Giver of all good and perfect of things. You are constantly providing for us, caring for us, protecting us, often in ways we do not see. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that You give us to do, the work of the church, the care for those who are poor and searching. Accept these gifts in Jesus’ name. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Greet your near neighbor)*

\*Hymn: #366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (see download)

\*Charge and Benediction John 15:9-17

Leader: As the Father has loved me, Jesus said, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

**People: I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.**

Leader: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

**People: And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing.**

Leader: But I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard.

**People: Therefore, we are appointed to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, and bring glory to God our Maker.**

Leader: We receive these commands so that we may love one another! Let us go in peace, AMEN!!

Silent Prayer (be seated)

*Postlude:* “Saints Bound For Heaven” Stephen Scott

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Honor of Lois Eshleman:  
“Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all”  
(Proverbs 3:29)  
Given by Dianne Yuninger**

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

**PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Robin Katz**

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