

* DOXOLOGY - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” - #609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

* CLOSING HYMN - “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” - #35

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” #248 (vs 2)

*Christ is Risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

* POSTLUDE - “To Set Us Free Forever, He Is Risen” - Balcombe



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Order of Worship	BRIGHT SUNDAY	April 27, 2025
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At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE - “Fantasy on an Old Easter Song” - arr. Alphenaar
This composition is based upon the old hymn “A Voice Calleth, the Son of God is Risen.”

GREETING - This is the day that the Lord has made!
“Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” #240 (vs. 4)

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.
Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.
How very good and pleasant it is,
when the people of God live in unity.
Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega,
the Lord who was and is and is to come.

* OPENING HYMN - “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” - #255

*** THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient people to you. We have not done your will, we have broken your commandments, we have turned away from your guidance and love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us take a few minutes for silent reflection.

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! *Thanks be to God!*

*** GLORIA PATRI - “Glory Be to the Father”**

*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - “He Touched Me” - Gaither, arr. Mauldin (Back Row Boys)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, guide our hearts and minds to hear your word to us today. Inspire us through the Holy Spirit to hear your message so we may reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 150

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – John 20:19-31

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON - “The Leap of Faith”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD: adaptation of “A Brief Statement of Faith”

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY “Jesus Paid It All” - arr. Kaiser