WORSHIP ORDER - St. John's UCC Fourth Sunday in Easter April 21, 2024

PRELUDE

"Aria" Flor Peeters

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ

be with you all.

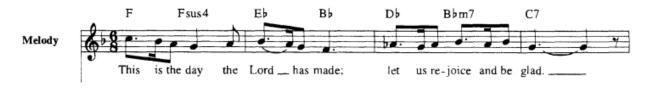
People: And also with you.

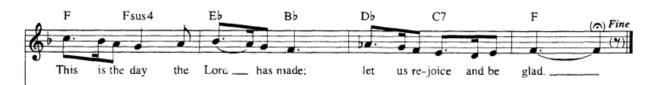
Pastor: Let us rise and greet one another with words of peace and remain standing for our song of centering.

We greet one another with signs and words of peace.

*SONG OF CENTERING

"This is the Day"





CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER:

L: The gate stands open, ready for us to travel onward.

P: But we are stubborn and fear to enter the gateway.

L: Listen for the voice of the true Shepherd.

P: His voice will we hear and obey.

L: Hallellujah!

P: Hallelujah!

One: Let us pray....

God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you.

Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew.

Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection.

May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love

to all people, everywhere. Amen.

SONG OF GATHERING

"The Day of Resurrection"

NCH #245



The Liturgist invites the congregation to be seated.

First Reading Read by Liturgist

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the

people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Choir Anthem "My Shepherd is Jehovah"

Gilbert Martin

CHILDREN'S BLESSING - Rev. Nathan Dannison

Gospel Reading -John 21

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Sermon: "Breakfast on the Beach" Rev. Jeffrey Dick

*SONG OF RESPONSE



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor

Pastor: ... We pray to you, our mother, using the words he gave us,

Saying together,

People: Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

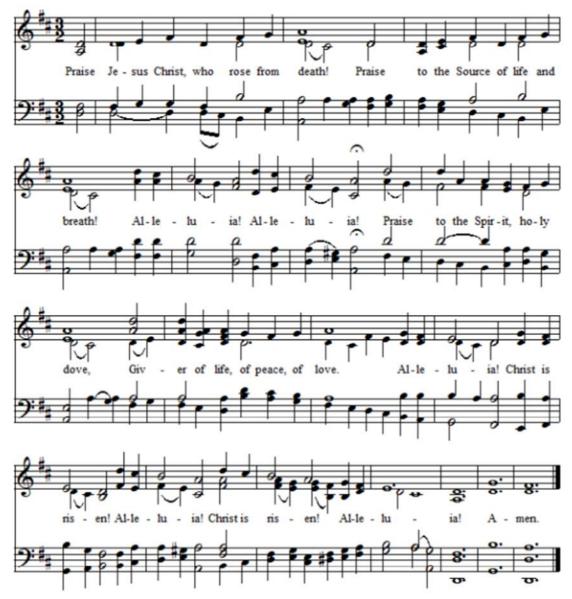
Pastor

Ushers will come forward to receive the offering.

THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOR

OFFERTORY

Easter Doxology



*CHARGE

Liturgist

Liturgist:

Go out into the world

and trust in the faithfulness of God.

Speak truth. Embody compassion.

Live simply. Love recklessly.

Transform the world through the power of hope.

People:

We go in peace to love and serve God in the name of Jesus Christ.



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days. thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

*BENEDICTION Pastor

POSTLUDE:

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" Franz Joseph Hydn, Arr. D. Hustad

*Indicates that you are invited to rise and body and spirit.