

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"

Melody

F F#sus4 Eb Bb Db Bbm7 C7

This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.

F F#sus4 Eb Bb Db C7 F (Fine)

This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.

The image shows a musical score for the song "This is the Day". It consists of two staves of music in a 3/4 time signature. The first staff is labeled "Melody" and has a key signature of one flat (Bb). The notes are: F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4. The lyrics are: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad." Above the notes are the following chords: F, F#sus4, Eb, Bb, Db, Bbm7, C7. The second staff is identical to the first but ends with a double bar line and a "Fine" marking.

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: Hallelujah!

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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

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
 the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad-ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

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

The Liturgist invites the congregation to rise in body or spirit and sing the next hymn

*SONG OF RESPONSE

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten-der care;
1 Ie-su no ke Ka-hu-hi-pa, Ka-hu-hi-pa ma'i-ka'i e,
2 We are yours, in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 Let us al-ways seek your fa-vor; let us al-ways do your will;

in your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.
Ei-a ma-kou ka'o-ha-na ke ho'o-lo-he a ha-hai;
keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
Je-sus Christ our on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us, yours we are;
E a-lo-ha, e a-lo-ha, a-la-ka'i a ha-nai mai,
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear your chil-dren when we pray;
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still;

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us, yours we are.
E a-lo-ha, e a-lo-ha, a-la-ka'i a ha-nai mai.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear your chil-dren when we pray.
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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

Praise Je - sus Christ, who rose from death! Praise to the Source of life and
breath! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to the Spir - it, ho - ly
dove, Giv - er of life, of peace, of love. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is
ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

*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.*

*SONG OF PARTING

“The King of Love”

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

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.