Fourth Sunday of Easter
11:00 a.m. May 8, 2022

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Life in the Community

*Hymn 305 ***Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*** DARWALL'S 148TH

*Expressing of Joy Reece Humphreys

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.
Leader: Know that the Lord is God.
People: It is God that made us, and we are his; we are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
People: Give thanks to God; bless his name!
Leader: For the Lord is good;
People: God's steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.
Leader: May the Lord be with you. (Psalm 100)
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your great mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn 300 ***We Are One in the Spirit*** THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-5, 10; 4:1, 2 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 810-811 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem ***Come! Live in the Light!*** *(We are Called)* Hymn 749

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 35, 44-48 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 121-122 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon ***Deep, Lasting Connections*** The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*The Apostle's Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and ***Gloria Patri*** (No. 581)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*At the Presentation ***Doxology*** (No. 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *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.

*Hymn 306 ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds*** DENNIS

*Benediction

*Going Out into the World

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*Those that are able, please stand.