

# Order of Worship

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*Sunday, April 21, 2024 – 10:15 a.m.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“No One”*

ABIDING PRAISE

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WELCOME

OPENING SONG

## *“Blessed Be Your Name”*

Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name, when I’m found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,  
“Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.”

Blessed be Your name when the sun’s shining down on me,  
When the world’s “all as it should be.” Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there’s pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,  
“Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.”

You give and take away. You give and take away.  
My heart will surely say  
“Lord blessed be Your name.” *Repeat*

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name. *Repeat*

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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God,

All: **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

## THE FIRST READING

## ACTS 4:1-12

<sup>1</sup> As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup> greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup> And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup> But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. <sup>5</sup> On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

## SONG

### *“How Great Is Our God”*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty.  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

*Chorus:*

**How great is our God! Sing with us:  
How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Chorus*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing: How great is our God! How great is our God! *Chorus*

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## THE EPISTLE READING

**1 JOHN 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

*Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

## THE GOSPEL READING

**JOHN 10:11-18**

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SONG

### *“What A Beautiful Name”*

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

You didn’t want heaven without us, so Jesus You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater;  
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is.  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.  
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.  
You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever God, You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is.  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.  
What a powerful Name it is, the name of Jesus.  
What a powerful Name it is, the name of Jesus.  
What a powerful Name it is, the name of Jesus.

*"No Other Name"*

*Acts 4:12*

**APOSTLES CREED**

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERING**

*At this time, you may give your offering electronically.*

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**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"No One"*

Yahweh, Yahweh, Holy is Your Name.

I don't want to take it in vain. *Repeat*

Yahweh, Yahweh, Holy is Your Name.

I don't want to take it in vain. *Repeat*

There will be no other god before You.

There will be no other god before You.

There is no one above You, no one beside You and nobody like You.

There will be no other god before You, no one, no one, no one.

Yahweh, Yahweh, Holy is Your Name.

I don't want to take it in vain. *Repeat*

There will be no other god before You.

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

### CLOSING SONG

#### *"Lord I Lift Your Name On High"*

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.  
You came from Heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.  
You came from Heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
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Lord, I lift Your name on high.  
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## POSTLUDE

## *Flower Arrangements*

The flower arrangements which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord by **Pastor Birner** in loving memory of his wife, **Frieda** upon their wedding anniversary. Also, flowers are placed on our altar to the glory of our Lord by **Judy Gorrell** in celebration of her daughter, **Sheila Grossman's** birthday.

## *Keep in Your Prayers*

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams  
Terri Green

Alexander Hernandez  
Jeanne Kelly

Brad Morton  
Don Vick  
Karen Whelpley