

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2018

11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE

"Elegy"

George Thalben-Ball

INTROIT

"Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone"

arr. Linda Lamb

Central Bells

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are pulled in many directions.

**All: Many loyalties and tasks lay claim on our lives.**

One: This day, in this place, let service to God be our choice.

**All: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.**

One: Praise be to the God of creation who sustains and nurtures our lives

**All: Praise be to the Risen Christ who leads us to abundant life.**

One: Praise be to the Holy Spirit who empowers our life with God.

\*HYMN

"Christ is Alive"

No. 318

**A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN**

"Where Children Belong"

(congregation sings)

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.*

*Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

HYMN

"Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing"

No. 2230

UNISON PRAYER

**Faithful God, we come to you this day representing families of varying ancestries, sizes and shapes. Thank you for grounding us in the people and places of our lives. Help us to appreciate our roots, where we come from, those who came before us, and those we share home with today. Help us to find you in the stories of our lives and the people who form**

**them; for you are ever with us and always working for good in this world. We celebrate that you have called us to be your family members, brothers and sisters together in you. Strengthen us to be loving and faithful; to nurture and express your compassionate love for all. Open our hearts and spirits today. May we hear your word and may it prepare us to serve you in joy this week. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**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, forever. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"The Peace of God"

John Rutter

David Parrish, guest conductor

The peace of God Which passeth all understanding Keep your hearts and minds In the knowledge and love of God And of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And the blessing of God almighty, The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost Be amongst you  
And remain with you always. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 12: 1-9

(OT p. 10)

**Leader: The Word of God.** All: For the People of God. **Leader: Thanks be to God.**

***Grounded Sermon Series: Part 2***

**SERMON**

**"God in Roots and Home"**

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Hymn "O Lord, May Church and Home Combine"

No. 695

\*Doxology

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

**GOING FORTH IN JOY**

**\*HYMN**

**"How Can We Name a Love"**

**No. 111**

\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"God is Good"

Grier and Everson

\*POSTLUDE

"And the People Respond: Amen"

Dan Locklair

Meggie Snyder, organ