



**APRIL 27, 2014**

**Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.**

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PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, Accompanist

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN #278

Leroy Seat, Worship Leader

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!*

\*INVOCATION

L: Risen Lord, be with us in the power of your new life.

**C: Open us that we may grow in the Spirit in love and understanding,  
in knowledge and giving.**

L: Let us receive your strength. Help us treasure the revelations you bring of  
the presence and power of God

**All: Give us the refreshment of a new beginning in joy. Amen.**

\*HYMN #71

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sallie Page-Goertz

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

ANTHEM

*Sing me to heaven*

Gawthrop

# CONVERSATION ABOUT FAITH, DOUBT, RESURRECTION AND HOPE

Ruth and Keith Harder

## PRAYER

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.  
We are quite naturally impatient in everything  
to reach the end without delay.  
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.  
We are impatient of being on the way to something  
unknown, something new.  
And yet it is the law of all progress  
that it is made by passing through  
some stages of instability—  
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;  
your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,  
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.  
Don't try to force them on,  
as though you could be today what time  
(that is to say, grace and circumstances  
acting on your own good will)  
will make of you tomorrow.

*Only God could say what this new spirit  
gradually forming within you will be.  
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing  
that his hand is leading you,  
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself  
in suspense and incomplete.*

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

HYMN #638

*God is working his purpose out*

## COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

- Introductions

*We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

- Joys and Concerns

*Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.*

- Prayers of the People

- Announcements

- Offering

### \*HYMN #130

*O God of mystery and might*

*Children in Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> grade dismissed*

### \*SENDING FORTH

L1: As the dove gently settles on the tree, receive the gift of peace.

L2: As the flame rises with light and warmth, receive the gift of life.

L1: As the wind moves and dances around the earth,  
receive the gracious gift of the Spirit,

L2: through Jesus Christ, and to his praise and glory.

### \*SUNG BENEDICTION SJ #77

*The peace of the earth be with you*

### \*POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

Next Sunday we will begin a new worship series: *Doorways into radical discipleship*. We will ask: What is costly discipleship? What has this meant through the ages and what might it mean today and in the future? How might we become practitioners of costly discipleship in our homes, at church, and in our places of employment?

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