

May 6, 2018

Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am

“When I think about resurrection, I don’t only think about what happened to Jesus. I think about what happened to his disciples. Something happened to them, too. They went into hiding after the crucifixion but after the resurrection appearances, they walked back out into the world. They became braver and stronger; they visited strangers, and healed the sick...it was not only what they saw when they saw Jesus, or how they saw it, but what was set free in them.

If there is some kind of life after death, what if it’s not a life exclusively for the dead? What if it’s a life available to us all—something the living can participate in, too?

We spend so much time in the church “believing” in the resurrection or “not believing” that we may lose the point. What if the resurrection is not about the appearances of Jesus alone but also about what those appearances pointed to, what they asked? And it is finally what we do with them that matters.” -Nora Gallagher, Practicing Resurrection

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, organist

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

I Sing Because I’m Happy

Choir

Gabriel, arr. Paden

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Rodney Kliewer, worship leader

*HYMN #26

Holy Spirit, come with power

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

YOUTH MINISTRY TIME

Ruth Harder

PRAYER OF BLESSING, inspired by 2 Timothy 1:6-14

Congregation: Holy God, we thank you for those called to ministry in every part of the globe. We give special thanks to the ancestors and living mentors who have inspired their sense of call, and planted within them a spirit of power and love.

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Leader: Release in them all the gifts needed for the ministries to which they have been called. Use their gifts of communication to proclaim the good news of your love, offering joy and hope to others. May they hold to the standard of sound teaching, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Give them the resources needed for a long and effective ministry as they grow toward full maturity in Christ. Provide them with a strong network of support.

Congregation: Bless our congregations with a genuine openness to be nurtured and stretched. Rekindle in us all a spirit of love. In the name of Jesus, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we pray. Amen.

HYMN #338 st. 1, 2

I know not why God's wondrous

SCRIPTURE

John 15:9-17

SERMON

Love in reality
Eric Garbison

*HYMN #135

God, whose purpose is to kindle

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks 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 table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.



Children in K-5grades are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

SENDING FORTH PRAYER, HYMN AND POSTLUDE

Please remain standing for the closing hymn and postlude.

*HYMN (see next page)

The Lord lift you up
Rachel Hostetler, accompanist

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

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

Songs designated "SS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

The Lord lift you up

BENEDICTION* 55. 55. 54. 55

E A B

The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your

E E7 A B7

hand, the Lord lead you forth, and cause you to

C# C#7 F#m7 B7

stand, se - cure in God's word, seek - ing God's

G#m C#m F#m B7

face, a - bound - ing in love, a - bid - ing in

1 E Final E

grace. The grace.

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