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April 23, 2023

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am
Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Duane Graber, worship leader

*HYMN VT 120

For the Beauty of the Earth

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Natasha VanDyke

Congregation join when indicated:

God grant us peace

God grant us hope

God grant us love

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

arr. Wagner

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON

The Great (For Who?) Commission

Ruth Harder

HYMN VT 145

Touch the Earth Lightly

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

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 205

Light Dawns on a Weary World

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand

Anthem: *Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree* Words from “Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs,
compiled by Joshua Smith (1760-1795), alt. Music arr. by Douglas E. Wagner, based on the
hymn tune

O WALY WALY.

The tree of life my soul has seen, laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ, the apple tree.

God’s beauty in all things excels: by faith I know, but ne’er can tell
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all, but now I see, ‘tis found in Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit still makes my soul to thrive; it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

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