

April 25, 2021 Traditional Bulletin

(Note: You don't need to put the "credits" in the bulletin liturgy. The credits list from Phyllis will be enough.)

Liturgist: Gary Zelinske

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Liturgist: The people of God were made for worship:
To sing and to praise, to laugh and to dance.*

**People: The people of God were made for God's presence:
For pleasure and praise, for joy and for song.**

Liturgist: Come, holy people, God's chosen disciples:

People: Gather for worship, come from all places!

**All: We have come to God's temple, gathered together,
We have come to praise God and enjoy him forever.**

OPENING HYMN: 566 – Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love

OPENING PRAYER - Joan will adapt the Canticle of Love #646 in the Hymnal for the prayer. Loving God, we hear the Bible messages and try to apply the to our lives: "Let love be genuine and live in harmony." "Put love above all else; let Christ's peace rule in your hearts. Be always forgiving." "Do not love in word or speech only; love also in deed and truth." These are words of life and we need your help in putting them into action in our lives. Let Your love for me shine out to others and bless them as You have blessed us. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 3:16-24; Acts 4:5-12

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Doxology : Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us - #331 (Stanza 4)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Message: “Escape Your Room”

HYMN: 549 – Where Charity and Love Prevail

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

People: We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most.

Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light.

Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness.

Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.

Leader: This is the good news we declare: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

People: This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE:

CLOSING HYMN: 2223 – They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

BENEDICTION/SENDING FORTH:

Leader: The cornerstone for life and ministry is already laid.

Escape your protective “rooms” and discover the reach of a kingdom built on the life of Christ.

People: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love! Amen, and Amen.

POSTLUDE