The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Breaking of Bread and Sharing of Wine

Communion

Prayer after the Meal

\* Hymn #263 (Glory to God Hymnal) “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

\* Benediction

\* Choral Benediction

 The Postlude

**Session**

Brook Bockhorn Marvin - Christian Education

Scott Carlson - Mission & Benevolence

Elizabeth Smith Lehrmann - Congregational Care

Jerry Newman - Worship

Tom Newman - Building & Grounds

Geneva Aguilar Winkelmann - Fellowship, Church Growth

Clerk to Session: Rosellyn McIver and Interim Treasurer:Todd Gray

Today’s Liturgist: Cathy Nitsch

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**Our Mission Statement**

Gather to worship God and know His Word

Grow in our relationship with God

Go into the world to serve

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*\* Congregation please stand*

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**Order of Worship**

**April 7, 2024**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

***“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”***

*(Matthew 18:20)*

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

Tolling of the Bell

Call to Worship

*Leader:* May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,

***People****:* **That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among**

 **all nations.**

*Leader:* Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

***People****:* **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**

*Leader:* For you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

***People****:* **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

*Leader:* The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

***People****:* **God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!**

\* Opening Hymn #434 (The Hymnbook) “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

\* Prayer of Adoration *(unison)*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon: “See what love the father has given us, that we should be called children of God: and that is what we are.” *(I John 3:1)*

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Most holy and merciful Father: we confess before you our manifold**

**failings and sinful ways. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Your forgiveness and**

**grace painfully reveal the shadows in which we so often dwell. Have mercy on us.**

**And grant us that same forgiveness and grace that makes us ashamed and sorry for what we have done and failed to do, so that in its light we might dare again to follow Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.**

The Commandments *(unison)* **“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.”** *(Romans 12: 9-18)*

 Musical Reflection

 Unison Scripture Reading Selection 55 - Page 527 in the back of The Hymnbook

\* Hymn #104 (The Hymnbook) “The Lord’s My Shepherd” *(Third Tune)*

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture: John 20:19-23

 Sermon: "Breathe in the Spirit" Alan Constant

\* Affirmation of Faith *(unison)* **This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day: and that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

\* Gloria Patri “Glory Be to the Father” Glory to God Hymnal #581

 Prayer of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer

 Congregational Response “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

 Giving of Tithes and Offerings (Choir Anthem)

 \* Doxology - Glory to God Hymnal #606

 \* Prayer of Dedication

 \* Hymn #833 (Glory to God Hymnal) “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”