



## Order of Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter; Ascension Sunday;  
Heritage Sunday and Family Sunday with The Response

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES** / Lillian and Julia Zeeb, Acolytes

**PRELUDE:** "Prayer from Christ Ascending Towards His Father" by Olivier Messiaen / Robert Phillips, Organist

**\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*CHORAL INTROIT:** "Easter Fanfare" by E. E. Ferguson / The Aldersgate Chorale / Directed by Yvonne Flagg

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Luke 24) / Bob Nelson, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Let us gather in this space.

**(People) We gather from many places.**

(L) Let us center ourselves for worship.

**(P) We are one in the Spirit with joy in our hearts.**

(I) Let us receive God's blessing.

**(All) God's blessing is ours. We are God's beloved! Amen!**

**\*OPENING HYMN: #145 “Morning Has Broken” by Eleanor Farjeon / Led by The Response**

**Verse 1 - Congregation / Led by Rev. Bev Devine and John Simmons**

**Morning has broken like the first morning;**

**Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.**

**Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!**

**Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!**

**Instrumental Verses:**

Bob Banks, drums / whistler

Jeff Ashworth, guitar

John Zeeb, guitar

**Verse 3 - Congregation and The Response**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning**

**born of the one light Eden saw play!**

**Praise with elation, praise every morning,**

**God’s recreation of the new day!**

**WELCOME / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from Luke 24)

(Pastor) We are called by Christ from suffering to renewal, from despair to hope. As witnesses to God’s love for all people, let us show God’s love for one another. Let us pass the peace of Christ to restore the broken places in our community. Peace be with you!

**(All) Peace be with you!**

**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Danish)**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT** (Recognizing Preschool Teachers) / Lucinda Edmunds

**INTERLUDE: “Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)” by Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, and Salomon Ligthelm**

**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:44-53 (NRSV)**

*Jesus Appears to His Disciples*

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

*The Ascension of Jesus*

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

(All) Glory to you, O Christ! Amen!

**ANTHEM:** "Majestic Holy One" by Cindy Berry (directed by Yvonne Flagg and accompanied by Robert Phillips)

**SERMON:** "JESUS CHRIST" (Sermon Series 3 of 8 on the Apostles' Creed) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: "He Reigns"** by Peter Furler and Steve Taylor / All

**Verse 1**

It's the song of the redeemed,  
rising from the African plain.

It's the song of the forgiven,  
drowning out the Amazon rain.

The song of Asian believers  
filled with God's holy fire.

It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation,  
a love song born of a grateful choir.

It's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah!"

He reigns, he reigns!" (Repeat)

**Verse 2**

Let it rise above the four winds,  
caught up in the heavenly sound.

Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals  
to the faithful gathered underground.

Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation,  
some were meant to persist.  
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples,  
none rings truer than this.

It's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
He reigns, he reigns!" (Repeat)

### Verse 3

And all the powers of darkness  
tremble at what they've just heard,  
'cause all their powers of darkness  
can't drown out a single word.

It's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
He reigns, he reigns!" (Repeat)

LEGACY MOMENT / David Fraser

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Liturgist**

(Liturgist) We are blessed by God's word. Let us respond boldly to God's grace with abundant giving for the mission and ministry of this church.

**(All) Amen!**

(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to collect our offerings.

**OFFERTORY: "Come Away to the Skies" by Charles Callahan**

**\*OFFERING SONG: "As We Seek Your Face" / "Jesus, Draw Me Close" by Dave Bilbraugh and Rick Founds / All / Led by Kris Lovekin**

As we seek your face, may we know your heart;  
Feel your presence, acceptance, as we seek your face.  
Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.  
Let the world around me fade away.  
Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.  
For I desire to worship and obey.

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Adapted from Luke 24)**

Endless source of life, pour your blessing upon the gifts we bring before you. Bless our giving in your abundance for the restoration of all people. Through our offering, may those who are weary be energized; may those who feel forgotten find a home. With the joy of your grace filling our hearts, we pray. Amen.

**LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader**

\*SENDING HYMN: "New Creation" by Mac Powell, Hank Bentley, Jeff Pardo / All

Verse 1

I thought I knew what I was talking about  
when I testified of your great love.  
Well, I was a soul on fire – there was no doubt –  
Bible-believing, saved, and washed in the blood.

Pre-Chorus

But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes  
that I could know in my soul how amazing was grace.

Chorus

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy.  
You turned my old song into a symphony.  
And with your spirit living inside of me,  
I'm a new creation. (I'm a new creation.)

Verse 2

And now I know what you were talking about.  
Went from my head into my heart.  
When I was broken, at the bottom I found  
you're my healer and redeemer.  
Jesus, that's who you are.

Chorus

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy.  
You turned my old song into a symphony.  
And with your spirit living inside of me,  
I'm a new creation. (I'm a new creation.)

Interlude

Oh oh oh oh

Pre-Chorus

But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes  
that I could know in my soul how amazing was grace.

Chorus

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy.  
You turned my old song into a symphony.  
And with your spirit living inside of me,  
I'm a new creation. I'm a new creation. (Repeat Chorus)

Interlude to Ending

Oh oh oh oh

And with your spirit living inside of me,  
I'm a new creation. I'm a new creation.



## \*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

(Pastor) As we leave this place, let us depart in the assurance that God does not remain hidden in a cloud, concealed from us.

**(All) God is still among us!**

(Pastor) Let us not gaze longingly at heaven for a sign.

**(All) God is revealed!**

(Pastor) Let us glimpse the face of Christ in one another. Let us celebrate the Holy Spirit, who works in our community.

**(All) Let us give glory to God our Creator, today and every day. Amen!**

POSTLUDE: "Toccata Eroica" by Edward Broughton

## CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD



Acolytes: Lillian and Julia Zeeb

Organist: Robert Phillips

Liturgist: Bob Nelson

Choral Director: Yvonne Flagg

Anthem: The Aldersgate Chorale

Hymn Leaders: The Response

Legacy Speaker: David Fraser

Laity Blessings: Kris Lovekin

Children's Moment: Lucinda Edmunds

Online Greeter: Mary Herrmann

Head Usher: Matt Gorder

Altar Décor: The Décor Team

Media/Livestream Team: Don Knowles,  
Dan, Carmen, and Gayla Lonsbery



Teo Sanchez family, Jean Grout family, David Cudney family,  
Donna Kidder family, Lydia Russell, Pat Williams, Art Rodriguez,  
Margaret Berger, Lorraine Chavez, Phil Chavez, Michael Thompson,  
Barbara Spencer, Bob Bahnsen, Carmen Lonsbery, Charlotte "Charlie" Tengler

*You are invited to submit names requesting prayers.*

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# Coming Events

## Sunday, May 21

- Thank-you Breakfast for Congregation (Fellowship Hall) – 8 a.m.
- Children's Chime Choir (Mary's Kitchen) – 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship: Family Sunday, **"JESUS CHRIST"** (Sermon Series 3 of 8 on the Apostles' Creed) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) – 10 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.

## Monday, May 22

- Preschool closed for summer break/resumes August 2023
- Church Council Meeting (Zoom) – 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, May 23

- UWiF Citrus Circle (Zoom) – 7 p.m.
- Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) – 7 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 24

- Parents' Morning Out (Summer Session) – 9 a.m. – 12 noon
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 6:30 p.m.
- Bible Study: "The Bible Year" / Led by Pastor Kim (Zoom) – 7 p.m.

## Thursday, May 25

- UWiF Bible Study (Zoom) - 6:45 p.m.
- Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Last rehearsal till September) (Music Room) - 7 p.m.

## Friday, May 26

- Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) – 7 a.m.

## Saturday, May 27

- UWiF Serendipity Circle (Chandler Lounge) – 10 a.m.

## Sunday, May 28

- Children's Chime Choir (Mary's Kitchen) – 9:30 a.m.
- Worship – Pentecost **"THE HOLY SPIRIT"** (Sermon Series 4 of 8 on the Apostles' Creed) (Sanctuary) – 10 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.
- Missions Garden (Patio) – 11 a.m.
- United Methodist Men's Silent Auction ends.

## Monday, May 29

Memorial Day – Campus closed for the holiday

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