



Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023

\*Please stand  
As you are able

## Welcome and Announcements

## Trinity Chimes

**Prelude**      *Gabriel's Oboe*  
Gabriella Beltran, oboe

Morricone/McGurty

## \*Call to Worship:

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

\*Hymn of Praise    140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

## FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no Shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

### Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

### Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

### Refrain

### Opening Prayer

**Oh God, you are a mighty God! Nothing is as great as you. You overturn evil. You hand out justice and blessings. For you, the impossible is possible. You can even make those who died live again! Enliven us with your Spirit so that we may share your goodness with all. Amen.**

### Scripture Lesson

*Psalms 100:1-5*

UMH 821

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!**

**Come into God's presence with singing!**

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God

**We are the Lord's**

**We are the people of God,**

**The sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

and God's courts with praise!

**Give thanks and bless God's name!**

For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures for ever;**

**God's faithfulness to all generations.**

**Music of Preparation**     *The King of Love, My Shepherd is*

Baker/Wright

Gabriella Beltran, oboe

**Scripture Lesson**

Acts 2:42-47

**Sermon**     So Very Good Pt. 1

**Musical Response**

**Prayers of the People**

**Confession and Pardon**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, the world began with Your blessing, "it is very good". All things were working together to reveal Your signs and wonder. We lost track of paradise in our yearning for more, for everything. But you return us to one another, reminding us that together, in the breaking of the bread, in sharing of our tables, in praises we offer up together we meet Christ. We are saved. Forgive us for the ways we stray away, and remind us that in Christ, we find wholeness and restoration.

Leader: Hear the good news: God walked upon this earth sharing our human life in Jesus Christ,

**All: God has conquered sin and death forgiving us all through Love and Grace**

Leader: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God, amen!**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as  
we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and  
the power and the glory forever. Amen**

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

### **Invitation Offering**

<b>Offertory</b>	<i>The Greatest Gift Is Love</i>	Mark Hayes
	Paula Jameson, solo	

**\*Doxology 94**    *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
God, all creatures here be low: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise  
Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

### **\*Sending Hymn 2243 *We All Are One in Mission* KUORTANE**

1. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord for all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan work together that all may know Christ's love.

2. We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

3. Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ the Lord of all.

## **\*Benediction**

**May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace. Amen**

**Postlude**                      *Toccata Giocoso*      Gilbert M. Martin

**Liturgist:** Ellie Adams

**Stephen Minister:** Carol Swango

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“We All Are One in Mission”

Words: Rusty Edwards (Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 12:4-6)

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