



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

APRIL 23, 2023

PRELUDE "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" (Jonathan Reuss)

INTROIT "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah?

All: Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!

Leader: I do not see him. I don't believe you.

People: Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!

Leader: Let me see his body, his hands and his feet.

People: We are Christ's body; We are Christ's feet.

Leader: You see the suffering in the world? Where is Jesus now?

People: We are going into the world to be the body of Christ.

Leader: Let us go together, let us partner with others.

People: For we are the body of Christ: let us share the Good News!

OPENING HYMN "Now the Green Blade Rises"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous God, we confess the times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Have mercy on us when we lose sight of joy and fall into despair. Lift our spirits and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just in the future. We give thanks for your Son who continues to beckon us, bring us back, and break down the barriers that separate us from you. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, like the first disciples, we find it difficult to recognize you. Open our to see you today. Open our ears to hear what you are saying to us today. Open

our hearts to receive you today. Show us who you are so we might follow you today and everyday. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:24-31

ALLELUIA RESPONSE "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

MESSAGE A Glass Half Full...and Getting Fuller:
"Just the Facts"

HYMN OF RESPONSE "These Things Did Thomas Count as Real"

PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING "Alleluia" (Berger, arr. Anderson)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN "He Lives!"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord, thank you for revealing yourself to us in worship as our risen Savior and ever-present Spirit. As we depart on our own paths for the week, make us aware of the ways you are working in our lives so that, even though we cannot see you or touch you, we may grow in faith. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Thine is the Glory"(Robert J. Powell)

Preaching Pastor	Geoff Kohler
Assisting Pastor	Mofid Wasef
Director of Worship	Elizabeth Virkler
Director of Media	Luke Graham
Organist/Accompanist	Ronél Wishnuff
Sound technician	Riley McKenna
Camera operators	Lee Meehan
	Berdi Meehan
Ensemble	Grace Notes
Scripture Reader	Chuck Deckert

TO GIVE: .

