



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

MAY 7, 2023

**PRELUDE** "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna" (Franklin D. Ashdown)

**OPENING SONG** "Awake My Soul"

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On Easter morning, it was easy to be joyful; pews overflowing, folks dressed in their Sunday best, kids searching for candy-filled eggs.

**All: Today, it's tougher for many of us, Lord.**

Leader: Yet, early Christian theologians proclaimed, "Every Sunday is a little Easter." How can we possibly feel resurrection jubilation each week?

**All: We are people who live in the "real world" and have real problems. We need your help!**

Leader: And because we need your help, we gather. We gather to sing songs of your goodness, to learn from your Word, and to be nourished by the sacrament of bread and cup.

**All: We gather so we may leave today filled with Easter gladness, more satisfied than when we arrived and with great eagerness to share your Good News.**

**OPENING HYMN** "Gather Us In"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Lord, we are in awe of your resurrection. Our earthly minds find it difficult to comprehend someone being raised from the dead. We ask you today to help our unbelief. Get us out of our questioning heads and help us rely on our accepting hearts, with the help of the Holy Spirit, who tethers us to each other and to you. Amen.

**MUSICAL RESPONSE** "Lord, I Need You"

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mighty One who rolled the stone away, unblock the barriers to our ears, hearts and minds that keep us from fully knowing you, so that the truth of your word may resound in us and enlighten every step we take and every decision we make. In Jesus name; Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Acts 1:1-11

**RESPONSE** "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

**MESSAGE** A Glass Half Full... And Getting Fuller: "Now and Then"

### APOSTLES' CREED

### PASSING THE PEACE

**OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING** "Beautiful Savior" (Tom Fettke)

**HOLY COMMUNION** "Seed, Scattered and Sown"  
"O Come the the Altar"

### PASTORAL PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN** "Build Your Kingdom Here"

### CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "Hail Thee, Festival Day!" (Franklin D. Ashdown)

Preaching Pastor	<b>Geoff Kohler</b>
Assisting Pastor	<b>Mofid Wasef</b>
Director of Worship	<b>Elizabeth Virkler</b>
Director of Media	<b>Luke Graham</b>
Organist/Accompanist	<b>Ronél Wishnuff</b>
Sound Technician	<b>Riley McKenna</b>
Vocalists	<b>Noah Campillo</b>
	<b>Corinne Milling</b>
Worship Band	<b>Joey Carano</b>
	<b>Pete Harrison</b>
	<b>Nathan Hubbard</b>
Ensemble	<b>Chancel Choir</b>

TO GIVE: .

