



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

MAY 14, 2023

**PRELUDE** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” (Mark Hayes/Marvin Gaspard)

**INTROIT** “Woman, Weeping in the Garden”

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today we celebrate mothers; the ones who bore us and all the people who play mothering roles in our lives.

**All: Lord, we thank you for mothers.**

Leader: We recall the early mothers of our faith; those mentioned in scripture, historical martyrs, and more recent ancestors who shared their faith.

**All: We remember and celebrate these women and their conviction.**

Leader: In worship, we celebrate You, our Lord, who is nurturing, loving, life-giving, and life-guiding, like a mother.

**All: We worship you, our heavenly parent, and honor you as we honor our earthly mothers.**

**MOTHER’S DAY HYMN** “The Gift of Mothers”

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving One, we are overcome by the grace you offer. There are many ways we offend you with our thoughts, words and actions, some big and some small, but all sinful. Our sin separates us from you, but your mercy connects us together again. Help us see the error of our ways and be healed. As you forgive us, help us forgive each other as we lean on our Christian community and grow closer to you each day. Amen.

**RESPONSE** “Gloria Patri”

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open the ears of your faithful to hear the good news proclaimed in scripture. Help us understand the meaning of your holy words and the ways

you are calling us to act and follow you, today and every day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Acts 9:1-9

**ALLELUIA RESPONSE** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” (#229 vs. 1)

**MESSAGE** A Glass Half Full...And Getting Fuller: “And Again”

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** “Christ Arose” (#294)

**OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING** “The Grand Alleluia” (Franz Schubert)

**RESPONSE** Doxology

## PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN** “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” (#295 vs. 1,2,4)

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

As we depart on the final Sunday of the liturgical Easter season, we continue to proclaim Jesus as our risen Lord. Thank you for the mercy we receive from the cross. Thank you for the love we receive from the empty tomb. Thank you for the new life we receive from knowing Christ as savior. Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! Amen.

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “It is Well with My Soul” (Mark Hayes/Marvin Gaspard)

Preaching Pastor	<b>Geoff Kohler</b>
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Director of Media	<b>Luke Graham</b>
Organist/Accompanist	<b>Ronél Wishnuff</b>
Director Emeritus	<b>Chris Cook</b>
Sound technician	<b>Riley McKenna</b>
Streaming	<b>Lee &amp; Berdi Meehan</b>
Slides	<b>Greg Kritzer</b>
Ensemble	<b>Chancel Choir Men</b>
Scripture Reader	<b>Andy Watt</b>

TO GIVE: .

