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**8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**



**April 15, 2018**





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Welcome to Worship!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Third Sunday of Easter

### Gathering

OPENING PRAISE		
HANDBELL INTROIT	<i>The Solid Rock</i>	arr. Linda R. Lamb
WELCOMING OUR VISITORS		
HANDBELL ANTHEM	<i>Sonatina</i>	Michael Helman
PRAISE	<i>Your Love Oh Lord</i> <i>Amazing Love</i> <i>We've A Story</i>	
SHARING GOD'S PEACE		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Sharing of Joys and Concerns Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving	

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION	<i>For Those Tears I Died</i>
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 4 Luke 24:36-48
SERMON	<i>THE POWER OF LOVE:</i> <i>Love Nourishes</i>
OFFERING SONG	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION	
COMMUNION	<i>El Shaddai</i>
FINAL BLESSING	<i>Grace That is Greater Than All Our Sin</i>
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Apr 1	76	162	238
Apr 8	42	84	126

### OUR GIFTS

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Apr 8	Received	\$3,931

Fiscal Year to Date Budgeted regular giving: \$198,038

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PRELUDE

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Wilbur Held

HANDBELL INTROIT

*The Solid Rock*

arr. Linda R. Lamb

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Come and see the love God has given to us.

**Come and see what it means to be children of God.**

Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

**With joy, we come to see the Lord.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

No. 315

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

OPENING PRAYER

**Miraculous God, come to us now,**

**even as your Son came to those first disciples  
on the shores of Galilee.**

**Speak your peace to our hearts.**

**Touch us with your Holy Spirit.**

**Reveal your word,**

**that we may hear your message this day,**

**and live as your disciples**

**in the days and years to come. Amen.**

HANDBELL ANTHEM

*Sonatina*

Michael Helman

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Leonard Lutz

*Nursery care is available.*

*Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*



**A TIME OF PRAYER**

Choral Call to Prayer *Surely the Presence* No. 328  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Choral Response *Surely the Presence* No. 328

CHORAL ANTHEM *Rivers of Living Water* Karen Marrolli

SCRIPTURE Psalm 4  
 Luke 24:36-48

HYMN (remain seated) *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing* No. 317

SERMON *THE POWER OF LOVE: Love Nourishes*

OFFERING  
 Invitation to the Offering  
 Offertory *Come Down, O Love Divine* Wilbur Held  
 \*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

\*CLOSING HYMN *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* No. 304

\*BENEDICTION  
 May the light of God's face shine upon us.  
**May the beauty of Christ's love shine through us.**  
 May the power of God's Spirit flow within us.  
**May we go forth as God's beloved children, revealing the risen Christ in all that we say, and in all that we do.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen, Amen*

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Paul Manz



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