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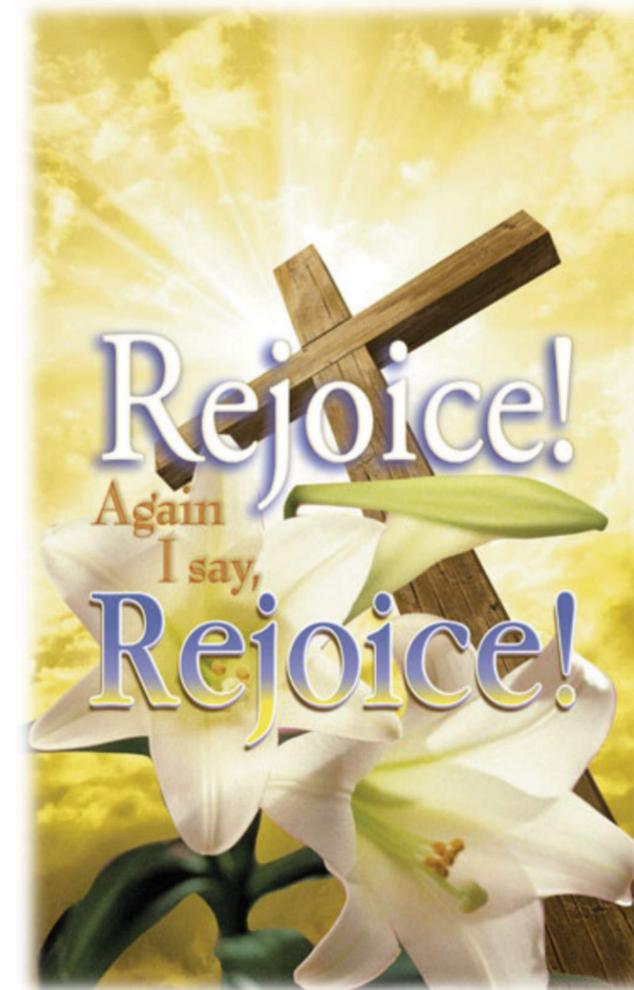
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## 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



## April 23, 2017



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Welcome to Worship!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 23, 2017

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Second Sunday of Easter

Music by the Lord's Crew

### Gathering

\*OPENING PRAISE All the People Said Amen

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

\*PRAISE Mighty to Save  
Amazing Love  
Breathe

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION Ancient Words

SCRIPTURE Psalm 103  
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SERMON "MY LIFE FLOWS ON"  
Rex Miller, speaking

OFFERING SONG Spirit of the Living God

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Communion Song El Shaddai

\*FINAL BLESSING More Precious Than Silver

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\*Worshippers stand as able



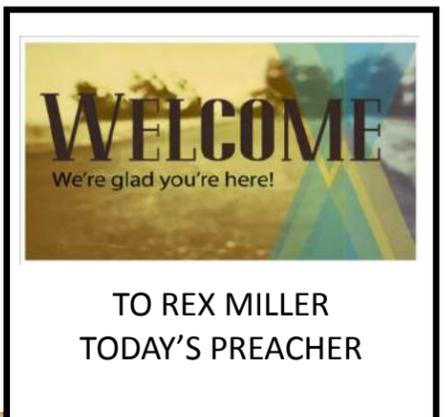
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CENTERING WORDS

"Those who walk with the Lord always reach their destination."

—Anonymous, attributed to Henry Ford

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE

*Glorify Thy Name*

Donna Adkins

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Open your eyes and look around.

**Christ is present here.**

Open your hearts and listen within.

**Christ is present here.**

Open your minds and glean new perspectives.

**Christ is present here.**

**Let's journey together this day.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

No. 315

OPENING PRAYER *(be seated)*

**Jesus, Christ, Companion, Friend,  
walk with us on this journey called worship;  
walk with us on this journey called life.**

**Travel within our very souls,  
that we may recognize your presence  
as you meet us right where we are.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Patti Melsheimer

*Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers  
at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.*

ANTHEM

*I Love the Lord*

Tom Fetteke

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Alleluia*

TFWS #2014

Congregational Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Choral Response *Alleluia*

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SPECIAL MUSIC *My Life Flows On*  
Julie Burns, soloist

SERMON **"MY LIFE FLOWS ON"**  
Rex Miller

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering  
Offertory *Thine Be the Glory* Handel  
\*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.*

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

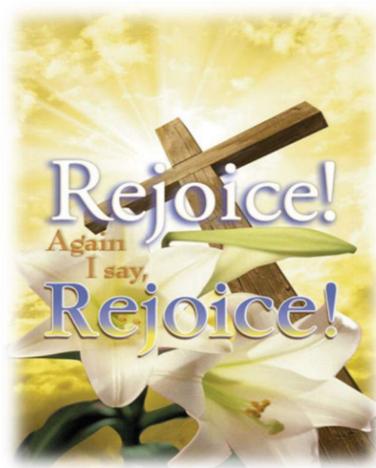
\*BENEDICTION

Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed!**  
We have seen this risen Christ  
in the eyes and faces of friends.  
**We have touched this risen Christ  
as we offer our praise in worship.**  
Go now to proclaim: Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed!**

\*RESPONSE **Amen**

POSTLUDE *How Majestic Is Your Name* Michael W. Smith

\*Worshippers stand as able



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