



# The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

**Gathering Music** 

"Take My Life"

HENDON Words by Frances Ridley Havergal Music by H.A. César Malan

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

AR HYD NOS; Words by Fred Pratt Green, Welsh Melody

"Give a Little Bit"

Words and Music by Richard Davies and Roger Hodgson

"Love Your Crooked Neighbor with Your Crooked Heart"

Words and Music by Christian McIvor ©2018

**Prelude** 

"Praise You with I Sing Praises to Your Name" Cynthia Griesedieck arr. by Cindy Berry

Welcome Steve Rose

# **†Call to Worship**

One: Siblings, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

All: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

One: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

All: Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people,

no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

One: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

All: For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

<sup>†</sup> Please rise in body or spirit.

### **†Opening Hymn**

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

THE SERVANT SONG; Words and Music by Richard Gillard

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; We're together on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Children's Sermon April Alston

Pastoral Prayer Anna Beth Cross

## Offertory

"I Give Myself Away"

Words and Music by Sam Hinn and William McDowell

Elizabeth Worley, Christian McIvor, Dennis Beckwith, and David Cross

Chorus:

I give myself away, I give myself away so you can use me. I give myself away, I give myself away so you can use me.

Verse 1:

Here I am, here I stand; Lord my life is in Your hands. Lord I'm longing to see Your desires revealed in me.

(Chorus)

Verse 2:

Take my heart, take my life as a living sacrifice. All my dreams, all my plans, Lord I place them in Your hands.

(Chorus)

Bridge:

My life is not my own, to You I belong; I give myself, I give myself to You.
My life is not my own, To You I belong; I give myself, I give myself to You.

(Chorus)

# **†Doxology**

"O Bless the Gifts"

LAMB OF GOD Words by Samuel Longfellow, alt Music by Twila Paris

O bless the gifts our hands have brought; And bless the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in Your hand. **Prayer of Dedication** 

Paxton Vaughn

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Lou Dawson

Sermon

A Surprising Guest

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Silent Reflection** 

**Invitation** Chrissy Tatum Williamson

### **†Hymn of Response**

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

HERE I AM;

Words and Music by Daniel L. Schutte

### Verse 1:

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

### **Refrain:**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

#### Verse 2:

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

#### (Refrain)

#### Verse 3:

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

### (Refrain)

# **Celebrating Community**

April Alston

**Benediction** Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude Susan Gardner

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With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones, where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love by word and deed to all people.

Based on I Peter 2:5, 6

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