

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023  
3rd Sunday of Easter  
*GATHERING FOR WORSHIP*

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN: Just as I Am, Without One Plea** #357

**SILENT PRAYER**

**CHOIR INTROIT:** *In Christ Alone*

**\*HYMN: Open My Eyes That I May See** #454

*CENTERING FOR WORSHIP*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The Risen One has come alongside us on our journey from the empty tomb.

**P: He speaks to us with love and encouragement, the word that frees us from our sorrows.**

L: A guest among us, he becomes the Host.

**P: He makes himself still known today in the breaking of bread.**

L: Let us celebrate the promise of life, for Christ is risen.

**P: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**God, your love, and care for us extends far beyond our understanding, your presence in our midst is greater than our fears and doubts, we come offering ourselves to you – our weaknesses and our strengths, our faith, and our fears. We seek to know the risen Christ among us in this time and trust you to reveal him to us once again. For it is in his name we pray. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem:** *Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone.*

*PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Luke 24:12-35

**\*HYMN: Walk with Me**

#2242

**THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED**

Pastor Joel Holcomb

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD*

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

#95

**\*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN: Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

#2158

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:**

*\*Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

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