NewSong

Fourth Sunday of Easter



MAY 8, 2022
9:00 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"It is not objective proof of God's existence that we want but, whether we use religious language for it or not, the experience of God's presence. That is the miracle that we are really after. And that is also, I think, the miracle that we really get."

- Frederick Buechner

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 122:1

I was glad when they said to me,
Come! Let us go to the house of the Lord.
In the friction and grace of community,
in a world full of need,
We come seeking the presence of God.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

This Beating Heart
Your Grace Is Enough

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shepherd of our need,
In the comings and goings of each day,
we lose the sound of your voice
in the noise of other demands.
We forget the one to whom we belong.

In the silence, remind us that we are known.
Call us by name and bless us with courage,
until we follow wherever you would lead.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 10:22-30

SERMON *Belonging Comes First*
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SONG OF RESPONSE *Can't Stop Your Love*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING SONG *Dancing Generation*

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