

ORDER OF WORSHIP – May 8, 2022

EASTER RING

Joseph D'Eugenio

WELCOME

The Rev. Alison McCaffrey

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Anthony DePaolo

(written by the Rev. Susan Blain)

One: The Suffering Servant becomes the healing source.

All: The stone rejected becomes hope's cornerstone.

One: The Crucified One is raised to new life.

All: The God of healing, hope, and life is in our midst:
Let us celebrate and worship our good God!

*THE GATHERING PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

All: Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.

*HYMN

Because You Live, O Christ, 292

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: Let us join hearts and voices in affirming our Resurrection faith:

All: We believe in a bright and amazing God, who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf; who has risen in splendor and majesty; who decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear light, twinkling stars and sharp colors, over and over again.

We believe that Jesus is the light of the world; that God believes in us and trusts us, even though we make the same mistakes over and over again.

We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as sisters and brothers, and to the Maker's business in this world: love and laughter, peace and justice. Amen!

*GLORIA

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Please share the peace of Christ in sign and word.

CALL TO OFFERING

Oliver Mesmer, Student Minister

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

(Tune: Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

K.J. Sadowski

Come Follow Me the Savior Spake

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

One: For the Word of God in Scripture -
For the Word of God among us -
For the Word of God within us -

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Resurrection, Stitch by Stitch"

The Rev. Dr. James Campbell

*HYMN

Goodness is Stronger than Evil, 296

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

*HYMN

He Lives, 302

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Flowers are from Alla Sivakoff in memory of Carley & William's grandmother Beverly, their great-grandmother Judy, and their grandmother Emilia Sivakoff, Alla's mother.