

Prelude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Words of Welcome**Gathering Song “Gather Us In”****TFWS #2236**

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in- the lost and forsaken, gather us in- the blind and the lame. Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young- our lives are a mystery, we are the old-who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in- the rich and the haughty, gather us in- the proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, lightyears away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in- all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Congregational Conversation**An Offering of Prayer- Joys and Concerns**

PLEASE LIFT YOUR HAND TO SHARE REQUEST

In response to each request, the minister will say “Loving God”

The congregation will respond, “**Hear our Prayer.**”**Pastoral Prayer**, followed by The Lord’s Prayer

Our Loving God in heaven, hallowed be your Name, Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the dominion, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sung Prayer Response “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”**TFWS #2195**

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Greeting One Another with God's Peace (*a wave, a nod, a sign of peace...*)

"May the Peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you."

Choral Anthem "Risen Indeed"- Larry Shackley

Ron Milliman, Director

Offering

Invitation

Offertory- "Alleluia from Exsultate Jubilate"- Mozart

Elise Greiner

Prayer of Gratitude and Dedication

Scripture Reading (NRSVue)

John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." **22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." **28** Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Installation of New Members

The Gift of Communion

Song of Response “Peace I Leave with You, My Friends” NCH #249

Refrain: Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to others, too.

To share God’s love is why I came, to show God’s kindness without end. Go now, my friends, and do the same, until I come again.

[Refrain]

Take my hand and be at peace; the spirit of our love I send. And with this love you will be free, until I come again.

[Refrain]

With this love now all will know that loneliness is at an end. Rejoice, my friends, although I go, for I will come again.

Announcements

Benediction

Sung Congregational Benediction “The Trees of the Field” TFWS #2279

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there’ll be shouts of joy, and all of the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

Postlude

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Serving you this morning:

Reader – Heidi Zastowny

Greeter – Carole Haas

Livestream – Ken Mihalyov

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

Forgive often.

Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

Sunday April 12, 2026 10:00 AM

Reverend Michelle Sumption Stone