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Celebration of Worship
April 23, 2017
Second Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

***Gathering Song**

The Day of Resurrection!

***The Means of Grace**

Welcome

Elder Ruth Curtin

Moment for Mission

Song

***Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* (1, 2)**

With Glad Hearts

Sing

***Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* (3, 4)**

Call to Worship (from Psalm 16)

Glenda Bolin

One

Come bless the Lord who guides us,
whose wise teaching directs our days
and moves in our hearts at night;
whose presence sustains us and
surrounds us here.

Offertory Music

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

-arr. Jason W. Krug
Chara Bells

Prayer Requests Collected

***Doxology**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Parting Song**

Cry of My Heart

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

*Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.

CCLI #1708350
GG – Glory to God Hymnal
PH – Presbyterian Hymnal
LUYH – Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal
SP&P—Sing! Prayer and Praise
STF –Sing the Faith Hymnal
W & S –Worship & Song Hymnal

Many We bless the Lord who is present among us.
We will not be shaken or live in fear,
but with glad hearts and rejoicing souls,
we will sing God's praise and worship with joy!

Congregation Singing

Into My Heart

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of empty tombs and empty people: when we hesitate to speak of Your hope, forgive us, and give us a voice. When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion. When we find it hard to believe that we are loved beyond all endings, forgive us, and help us to know Your presence is always near. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us and send us out to share Your grace. When we cannot recognize Your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with Your joy.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Response **Thanks be to God.**

***Sung Response**

There's a Song

***Passing of the Peace**

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Moment

Children are welcome to come forward for the Children's Moment followed by childcare in the nursery for children three and younger.

**Ev'ry Morning is Easter Morning
from now on!
Ev'ry day's resurrection day;
the past is over and gone.**

Anthem

The Peace of God -John Rutter
Voice of the Spirit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Elder Ruth Curtin

Guiding God, send Your Holy Spirit upon the reading of Your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into Your presence where we find true love and fullness of joy. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Acts 2: 22-26

NT 119

John 20: 19-23

NT 115

One

This is the Word of our Lord.

Many

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

PEACE-FILLED AND GLAD HEARTS

Pastor Bill Sanders

Responding to the Word

***Hymn**

I Danced in the Morning

Offering

Invitation to Give