

April 14

Welcome and Outreach Announcements

Prelude: All The Way My Savior Leads Me - Woody Johnson

Call to Worship Emmett Scott, Lay Reader

The Lord hears us when we call:

**Come, let us put our trust in God.**

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness;

**Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!**

The Lord grants peace to our weary souls;

**Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.**

Gathering Song Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain 234

1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!

God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;  
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

2 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen.

All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying  
from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

3 Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!

4 Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal:  
but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing  
your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts, but you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. You reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Help us accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we try to hoard or hide it. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

### Declaration of Forgiveness

### Gloria Patri

### Sharing the Peace of Christ

#### Scripture I John 3:1-7

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

### Anthem: He Is The Everlasting God - Chancel Choir

#### Scripture Luke 24: 36-48

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

37 They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

38 He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

41 Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

43 and he took it and ate in their presence.

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day

47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things.

## Message

### Responding Song Our God

Water you turned into wine opened the eyes of the blind

There's no one like You none like you

Into the darkness You shine out of the ashes we rise

There's no one like You none like you

Refrain: Our God is greater our God is stronger

God You are higher than any other

Our God is healer awesome in power

Our God, our God

And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us

And if our God is with us then what could stand against

And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us

And if our God is with us then what could stand against

What could stand against (Refrain)

### Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

### Receiving our Offering

Doxology  
Prayer of Dedication

Sending Song This is Amazing Grace  
Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Refrain: This is amazing grace, This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place, That You would bear my cross  
You lay down Your life, That I would be set free  
Whoa-oh, Jesus I sing for, All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings (Refrain)

Blessing

Postlude  
Blessed Assurance