



Prelude Handchimes
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Welcome

Opening Words Worship Ways

One: Coming on the clouds or walking on the roads,

Many: Christ is in our midst.

One: Inside of sanctuaries or outside of church buildings

Many: Christ is in our midst

One: In heaven's realm or the cyber universe

Many: Christ is in our midst.

Opening Hymn Binder #46 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Prayer of Invocation Worship Ways

God of the visible and invisible,

We gaze upon roads ahead

Knowing that you are ahead of us.

We seek your presence when the fog is heavy

And our hearts are hurting.

In the moments of haze,

Clear the path before us.

In the moments of clarity,

Show your face to us.

Allow us to hear your voice in the depths of night

As we search for your presence and call. Amen.

Opening Response Binder #2 "Halle, Halle" Traditional

Children's Time

The Witness of Music Handchimes

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Reading:

Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey God.”

For the wisdom contained in these holy words, we give thanks. Amen

Sermon Jen Einspahr

Hymn Binder #47 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How shall we join God’s work in the world?

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we bring to join you in your work in the world.

Closing Hymn Binder #48 & 49 “Yours Is the Glory”

Benediction

Postlude "He Is Exalted" arr. Mark Hayes
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