

**Peace UCC**  
**April 11, 2020**  
**Psalms: Words of the Heart**

**Prelude** "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" Dennis Eliot  
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**Welcome**

**Opening Words**

One: We come this morning, wanting to feel the joy of Resurrection, though often we struggle to do so, and we call out

**Many: We are here!**

One: We come this morning, seeking a word of hope and we sing

**Many: We are here!**

One: We come this morning, longing for your presence and we cry out

**Many: We are here!**

One: Breathe your spirit upon us this morning. Amen.

**Opening Response** "Be Still and Know" John Bell

**Prayer of Invocation** Ruth C. Duck

**We come before you, O God, in Easter joy, seeking to be a people of the resurrection. Be known among us; assure us of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Word and Spirit, reveal your purpose in our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Witness of Music** "Thine Is the Glory" ("See the Conquering Hero Comes")  
from Judas Maccabeus by George F. Handel  
John Panhorst, Jeff Panhorst,  
Loretta Haggard, and Zach Tesch

**Readings**

**Psalm 1**

Happy are those  
who do not walk in the advice of the wicked,  
or stand on the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
but their delight is in the instruction of the Holy One,  
and on God's instruction they meditate day and night.  
They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they thrive.  
The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
Therefore the wicked do not stand up for justice,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
for the Holy One watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**When I Am Among The Trees** by Mary Oliver

When I am among the trees,  
especially the willows and the honey locust,  
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,

they give off such hints of gladness.  
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself,  
in which I have goodness, and discernment,  
and never hurry through the world  
but walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves  
and call out, "Stay awhile."  
The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, "It's simple," they say,  
"and you too have come  
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled  
with light, and to shine."

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

**Sermon** Rev. Wendy Bruner

**Hymn** NCH #433 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

### **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.  
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,  
talent, and treasure as we use them to join  
Your work in the world. Amen

### **Closing**

**Postlude** "Trumpet Tune" Jerry McCrory  
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