

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

11:00 A.M. April 17, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Let us prepare for worship by praying,  
meditating and listening to the organ prelude.

The Ringing of the Church Bell

The Prelude

The Welcome and Concerns of the Church

The Choral Introit

**THE GATHERING**

\*The Call to Worship (Psalm 96)

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation  
day after day.**

Leader: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds  
among all peoples.

**People: Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness; tremble  
before His, all the earth.**

Leader: Let us worship God for sending Jesus to be among us.  
Let us give glory to God and praise the name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

\*The Hymn No. 135

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

**\*The Prayer of Confession**

**O God of Grace and Beauty, we honor You with our presence this day. We declare that we have failed  
and fallen short of Your glory. We lie to our own advantage, we steal that which is not ours, and we  
embrace evil and shun goodness. We harbor ill will and seek revenge rather than forgiving others.  
We even hesitate to show Your love to everyone. Forgive us, O God, for both the sins we have  
committed and for the goodness we have omitted doing.**

**Have mercy upon us, O Merciful Lord. Show us Your holy way which you intend us to pursue, in the  
name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us, Christ was raised from the  
dead for us. Christ sits at the right hand of God the Father; indeed, He intercedes for us. In the name of  
Jesus Christ, our Beautiful Savior, our sins are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God for this wonderful news. We pledge to live into God's claim upon us,  
obeying His word and showing His love.**

**THE WORD**

The Children's Time

The Choral Anthem

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Lesson

Psalm 23

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Acts 9:36-43

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon

**"Sheltering and Nurturing"**

### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Choral Response

\*The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

\*The Gloria Patri

The Bringing of the Tithes, Offerings and Gifts

The Offertory

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn No. 358

**"God of Grace and God of Glory"**

\*The Charge and Benediction

Congregation Response

*Lift High the Cross*

*Come, Christians follow where the Savior trod. The Lamb victorious,  
Christ the Son of God. Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*