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EASTER SEASON

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“Love God, Serve Neighbor”

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Welcome

Easter Greeting

- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Prelude

"Thy Word"

Kristin Sakamoto

Easter Litany

- L: In life, in death, in life beyond death,
C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**
- L: Over powers and principalities, over nations and governments,
C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**
- L: Of the poor, of the broken, of the sinned against and the sinner,
C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**
- L: Above the Church, beyond our most excellent theologies and in the quiet corners of our hearts,
C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**
- L: Thanks be to God.
C: **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Greeting

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of Illumination

- L: Let us pray. God of love, breathe life into the Scriptures, as you brought life into your Son that first Easter morning. Help us to proclaim that we have seen the Lord, so that all the world may experience the power of your resurrection and celebrate the gift of your peace.
C: **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

Gospel Acclamation

"Show Us Christ"

Kristin Sakamoto

The Holy Gospel

John 14:23-29

The Message

Song of the Day

"There is a Redeemer"

Kristin Sakamoto

Prayers of the Faithful

L: Let us pray. God, giver of life, may your peace go with us wherever we will be this day. May your Spirit guide us through the challenges we face, protect us when in need, and inspire us with your love.

Time of silence.

L: God, giver of life, we bring those places in our world where war, violence, poverty and need are the experiences of everyday life. We pray for the country and the people of Ukraine as they continue to stand against the Russian invasion even as cities crumble and people flee seeking safety and refuge. Come: move among us,

C: And hear our prayer.

L: God, giver of life, we come with broken hearts and grief for the city of Buffalo, NY as they experience the trauma of a mass shooting in one of their neighborhoods. We pray for the families of those killed and those wounded in this act of violence and racial hatred. By you Holy Spirit, give us the courage to work for healing and reconciliation and the conviction to hold tightly to the hope that your transforming power of love will overcome hate. Come: move among us,

C: And hear our prayer.

L: God, giver of life, we pray for those whom we know, for whom illness, frailness or bereavement have left them isolated and cut off from the joy, support, and encouragement of human encounter.

We especially pray for:

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| ▪ William Brady | ▪ Linda Holden |
| ▪ Emily Brown | ▪ Donnell Horton |
| ▪ Kay Donnelly | ▪ Waylon Kuklentz |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler | ▪ Bobbie Larson |
| ▪ Dave Goff | ▪ Kevin Middleton |
| ▪ Stephanie Gonzalez | ▪ Andrew Milholland |

- Leo Peeler
- Pr Raymond Peters
- Joyce Quigley
- Chris Rasmussen
- Ethan Safrany
- L. D. Shockley
- Reponda Smith
- Kelly Taylor
- Joshua Thrower
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Herbert Watson
- Lisa Williams
- Renate Wilson

L: And for the deepest hopes of our hearts, we pray now.

Time for the community to pray.

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Charles Stuedle, father of Staci Noel – died May 6

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: Come move among us,

C: And hear our prayer.

L: God, giver of life, as you made a fearful and disjointed band of disciples into your holy church, we pray that you would make us anew, that we, your body in our world, would serve you in joy and hope and thankfulness all the days of our life together in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose glorious name we pray.

C: Amen

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering

(Please sign and pass the pew pads)

Offertory Song

“Holy Spirit”

Kristin Sakamoto

Table Prayer

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you come to us as the Risen One, but forever bearing the marks of the Cross. You come to us: calling us out of darkness and into your marvelous light of new life; calling us out of our emptiness into your fullness; calling us out of our hopelessness and into your unending joy. Today, you come to us again: calling us to your Table to celebrate your presence with us in the breaking of the bread and in the blessing of the cup.

C: Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Benediction

L: May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work; working in you that which is pleasing and good; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

"You Are My All in All"

Kristin Sakamoto

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.