

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 21, 2024**

**Gathering**  
*God invites us to enter His presence*

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

**! Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

*Celia Weber*

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:  
**Come, let us adore him.**  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
**Come, let us adore him.**  
The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
**Come, let us adore him.**  
Lord, open our lips.  
**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

**! Invocation**

*Celia Weber*

LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory  
in the heavens.  
Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.  
—Psalm 8:1-2, NIV

**! Opening Song**

*10,000 Reasons*

*Chorus*  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.*  
*Worship His holy name.*  
*Sing like never before, O my soul,*  
*I'll worship Your holy name.*

*Verse 1*  
*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning*  
*It's time to sing Your song again*  
*Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me*  
*Let me be singing when the evening comes*

*Chorus*

*Verse 2*

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find*

*Chorus*

*Verse 3*

*And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore*

*Chorus*

*Ending*

*Lord, I'll worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name*

**Confessing**  
***God invites us to be honest with Him***

**Call to Confession**

*Celia Weber*

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength,  
but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be  
gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.  
For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

—Isaiah 30:15, 18, NIV

**Prayer of Confession** *(Responsively)*

*Celia Weber*

Sovereign Lord,  
you have anointed us with your Spirit,  
yet we have not shared your great gift.  
**Create in us a clean heart, O God.**  
**Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**  
We have not proclaimed your good news to the poor.  
We have not bound up the brokenhearted.  
**Create in us a clean heart, O God.**  
**Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**  
We have not proclaimed your freedom to the captives.  
We have not comforted those who mourn.  
**Create in us a clean heart, O God.**  
**Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**  
Forgive us for closing our eyes to the needs of others.  
Forgive us for limiting your abundance.  
**Create in us a clean heart, O God.**  
**Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**  
Open our minds, Lord. Open our hearts, Lord.  
Open our hands, Lord. Open our lips, Lord.  
**Give us a willing spirit to show your love to your world. Amen.**

—based on Psalm 51; Isaiah 61

## Time for Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*Celia Weber*

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
He heals the brokenhearted,  
and binds up their wounds.  
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

—Psalm 147:2-3, 5, NRSV

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
A-men, A-men.*

### Offering

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation** I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God— this is your true and proper worship.

### Offering

**Offertory** *Fill My Cup, Lord* *Text/Music by*  
*Dan Baker, Dennis Leshner* *Richard Blanchard*

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*  
*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*  
*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

### Prayer of Dedication *(Responsively)*

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.  
**Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

### Preparation Hymn 251

*Breathe on Me*

**Proclaiming**  
**God speaks to us through His Word**

**Children's Sermon**

*Baptism of Jesus*

*Susan Obenschain*



**Illumination Hymn 247**

*Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me*

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 11:1-2, Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>11</sup> Then a shoot will grow from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—  
a Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
a Spirit of counsel and strength,  
a Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to stop him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?"

<sup>15</sup> Jesus answered him, "Allow it for now, because this is the way for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John allowed him to be baptized.

<sup>16</sup> When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased."

**Sermon**

*"The Resting of the Spirit"*  
*Rev. Tim Latham*



**Song of Response**

*Abide with Me*

*Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless abide with me*

*Verse 2*

*Thou on my head in early youth didst smile  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile  
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee  
On to the close Lord abide with me*

*Verse 3*

*I need Thy presence every passing hour  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be  
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me*

Verse 4

*I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death where grave thy victory  
I triumph still abide with me*

Verse 5

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heav'n's morning breaks  
And earth's vain shadows flee  
In life in death Lord abide with me*

**Responding**  
***We respond to God's Word***

 **Profession of Faith**

**The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.**

—Psalm 23

**Prayers of the People**

**Commissioning**  
***God sends us out into the world as His witnesses***

 **Commission Hymn 234**    *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**