ORDER OF WORSHIP

CHIMES

MORNING GREETING

L: Shalom! God has called us together to celebrate God's love for us and the love we have for one another!

PRELUDE

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus (setting, F. Frahm)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

L: God's love for us lasts forever.

P: Jesus makes us into friends.

L: Sing joyful songs to God!

P: Alleluia! We are Easter people! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

I Come with Joy - UMH # 617 (v. 1-5)

*GREETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jesus Loves the Little Children (On Screen)

ANTHEM

O Sacrum Convivium (Biery) - Chancel Choir

JOYS & CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER (in Unison)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarreling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy. We offer our prayer in the name of Christ as we come to our time of silent prayer ...

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer - UMH # 895

CENTERING HYMN

Hymn of Promise - UMH # 707 (v. 1-3)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

SERMON

Choose Joy - Rev. Scott Andrews

OFFERING

L: May our gifts today reflect the love God has for us and the love we have for one another.

OFFERTORY

Air (R.H. Haan)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow - UMH # 94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

One Bread, One Body - UMH # 620 (v. 1-3)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Son of God, Eternal Savior (setting, B. Harbach)

(*) Please stand as you are able (UMH) United Methodist Hymnal (TFWS) The Faith We Sing

ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist: Rev. Melinda Teter Dodge Director of Choirs: Anna DeMichele

Organist: James Petri Pianist: Jamie Dyer

Audio/Visual Tech: Cameron Wilkinson

Preaching: Rev. Scott Andrews

Our altar flowers today are given by Sheryl Weimer in celebration of her sister's birthday.

GROW

"As God has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept God's commandments and abide in God's love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from God. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that God will give you whatever you ask God in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

~ John 15:9-17 (NRSV) ~

PRAY

Koelling Family Jason Allen **Dorothy Anderson** Betty Lanctot Dolpin Anger Rick Loya Harry Markham Colton Baumann Bill Boelter Lisa Martin Meldene Brown Thirza Pearce Resty Buenavidez Robecca Sardar Cynthia Ching Deborah Shuttleworth Erica Cummings Derrick Smith Mary Dickson Ruthann Trujillo Darneilia Dupree Debbie Wallace Dorothy Wallace **Bonnie Elstent** Michael Flowers David Walker Svbil Gassmann Weimer Family Eric Gratton Charlotte White Cynthia Gray Marilyn & Clark Wissler Jennifer Gray Abby Gregg All Military Members Lola Green All Those Facing War Sage Holzhauer LB First Responders Jordan Huling Cal-Pac Leadership Lois Kahla Cal Heights Leadership

STUDY

MONDAY - 1 Peter 13-25
TUESDAY - Titus 3:1-11
WEDNESDAY - Philemon 1-25
THURSDAY - Hebrews 13:1-25
FRIDAY - 2 Timothy 1:1-14
SATURDAY - 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10
SUNDAY - Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19



Sunday, April 28, 2024
CHOOSE JOY

John 15:9-17 (NRSV)

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