

☞ Indicates where those who are able may stand.
Hearing devices are available in the narthex for those who need them.



Postlude Patricia Hart

Benediction Pastor Brenda

☞ Hymn “We Are One in the Spirit” #300 in hymnal

Prayers of the People with The Lord’s Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

☞ Prayer of Dedication

ALL: Risen and redeeming God, you have given us more than we could ever give you in return. You are gracious and generous in your love. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ’s behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ’s Spirit. Amen.

☞ Doxology

Time of Self Offering with Offertory

Hymn “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” #260 in hymnal

Dedication of the Renovated Sanctuary

Sermon “A Place with Purpose” Pastor Brenda

Scripture Readings Acts 4:32-35
2 Chronicles 6:24-31 and 7:12-14

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

☞ Prayer for Illumination

ALL: Almighty and Eternal God, be pleased to dwell in this place now dedicated to Your Name and to bless us who have gathered together to give this place and ourselves to you this day. Open Your Word to us that we might be dedicated to the Living Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.

☞ Gloria Patri

☞ Prayer of Humility

ALL: We are at peace because of Christ’s forgiveness on the cross! Alleluia! Amen!

One: Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said, “Peace be with!” (*John 20.19*)

ALL: Savior God, forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. We expect more when you have already given us enough. Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn “Here in This Place” #401 in hymnal

Call to Worship

One: How good it is for us to come together as kindred spirits.

ALL: Hallelujah! Our doubts are answered, and we feel the presence of Christ.

One: The risen Christ speaks to us and gives us peace.

ALL: Hallelujah! Let our worship be the sign of our belief.

Opening Prayer

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Patricia Hart



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

Holy Humor Sunday, also known as Holy Hilarity or “Bright” Sunday, is a celebration of the greatest miracle in human history - Jesus’ resurrection. It started in the 2nd century church as a celebration to make fun of Satan because, in short, Jesus won the battle for good. We get so “hung up” on what Satan is doing, that we forget that Jesus has already defeated evil permanently. Holy Humor Sunday also gives each of us an opportunity to celebrate, and give thanks for, our own smaller resurrections in this world and this life. From time to time in our earthly lives, many of us have been dead - from illness, depression, physical injuries, emotional wounds, the loss of loved ones, financial losses (those workings of evil that keep us down). Easter is a joyous season and we have come alive – Jesus is with us as we endure our earthly challenges while looking forward to the Great Resurrection. Have fun today, folks!

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Holy Humor Sunday

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2:00pm Worship Service