

**Prelude** Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Welcome & Announcements

Visual Call-to-Worship

O Radiant Light

The Work of the People

Whatever Thing Alana Levandoski Song

Whatever thing that I have carried in this place, that will keep me from you,

I will lay it at your feet Whatever burden I have carried for so long, that will keep me from seeing you I will lay it down right now

I need to hear you speak to me... and I want to feel you in this place

You long to take me in your arms of love... So take me in your arms of love

All of the things that are cluttering my mind, I will push them far from here

And listen for your voice

All of the pain that I am carrying inside, I will hand it to you

You will take it, set me free, I will fly...

I need to hear you speak to me... And I want to feel you in this place

You long to take me in your arms of love... So take me in your arms of love

# **Responsive Reading**

Leader: Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to God's holy name!

People: Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: You turn our weeping to dancing, O God; you remove the garments of mourning and clothe us in gladness.

Unison: May we praise you and not be silent! We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!

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**Hymn** *Our Great Savior* #63, v. 1, 2, 3, & 5

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul; Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole. Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him; Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my Strength, my victory wins. Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a Help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll, Even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul. Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find, He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

#### Invocation

We come before you, O God, in Easter joy, seeking to be a people of the resurrection. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through our Word and Spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### The Written Word

Psalm 4 - The Message

**Emily Blair** 

When I call, give me answers. God, take my side! Once, in a tight place, you gave me room; Now I'm in trouble again: grace me! hear me! You rabble—how long do I put up with your scorn? How long will you lust after lies? How long will you live crazed by illusion? Look at this: look who got picked by God! God listens the split second I called out. Complain if you must, but don't lash out. Keep your mouth shut, and let your heart do the talking. Build your case before God and wait for his verdict. Why is everyone hungry for more? "More, more," they say. "More, more." I have God's more-than-enough, more joy in one ordinary day. Than they get in all their shopping sprees. At day's end I'm ready for sound sleep, for you, God, have put my life back together.

Ministry Moment

Interview with Pat DeNeui – Deacons

**Tithes and Offerings** 

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## Doxology

#### **Churches One Foundation**

Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread, may we, your sons and daughters, by your own hand be led. Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe. Unite us in your service; may seeds of justice grow.

Prayers of the People

Kat Stoker

**Song** Wonderful Words of Life

Sandi Swarthout

Sing them over again to me, Wonderful words of Life. Let me more of their beauty see,

Wonderful words of Life. Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty;

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life! Beautiful words, wonderful words,

Wonderful words of Life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all Wonderful words of Life;

Sinner, list to the loving call, Wonderful words of Life

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life! Beautiful words, wonderful words,

Wonderful words of Life.

Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful words of Life;

Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of Life. Jesus only Savior, Sanctify forever:

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life!

Beautiful words, wonderful words. Wonderful words of Life!

Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life!

#### The Written Word

Luke 24: 36 - 48 • NSRV

**Emily Blair** 

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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The Spoken Word Jesus and the Walking Dead Rev. Mark Rambo

Song of Response In Moments Like These #97

In moments like these I sing out a song, I sing out a love song to Jesus. In moments like these I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice to the Lord, singing: I love you, Lord, singing I love you, Lord, I love you.

Slideshow Sarah Hart

**Hymn** I've Found α Friend #478, v. 1 & 3

I've found a Friend, O such a Friend! He love me ere I knew Him;

He drew me with the cords of love, and thus He bound me to Him.

And round my heart still closely twine those ties which naught can sever,

For I am His and He is mine, Forever and forever.

I've found a Friend, O such a Friend! So kind and true and tender.

So wise a Counselor and Guide, so mighty a Defender!

From Him who loves me now so well, what power my soul can sever?

Shall life or death, or earth or hell? No! I am His forever!

Weekly Challenge

Postlude Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Benediction Walk Humbly • Love Completely • Live Differently