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PRELUDE

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Break forth into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;

People: for the Lord has comforted the people.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN #318

Christ Is Alive

v.1,4-5

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death, shall never die.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,

He suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

***Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age,
till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alan Archibald

Everlasting God,

whose tenacious love holds us:

make our hearts the house of your truth,

and make our minds the realm of your wisdom

so that our fellowship will become your dwelling place,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:29-34

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now God commands all people everywhere to repent, because God has fixed a day on which to judge the world in righteousness by a man whom God has appointed, and of this God has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, 'We will hear you again about this.' At that point Paul left them. But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

Lyricist: June Tillman

Mark Gilgallon, soloist; Steven Potts, piano

We shall go out with hope of resurrection; we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;

we shall go out and tell our stories boldly; tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted; we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;

we'll weave a cloth of all the world united within the vision of new life who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken; we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;

we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer, expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping, raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,

we'll leap and dance the resurrection story including all in circles of our love.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 66:8-20

Tiffany Williams-Fashimpaur

Leader: All of you people, come praise our God! Let God's praises be heard.

People: God protects us from death and keeps us steady.

Leader: Our God, you tested us, just as silver is tested.

You trapped us in a net and gave us heavy burdens.

You sent war chariots to crush our skulls.

**People: We traveled through fire and through floods,
but you brought us to a land of plenty.**

Leader: I will bring sacrifices into your house, my God,

and I will do what I promised when I was in trouble.

People: I will sacrifice my best sheep and offer bulls and goats on your altar.

Leader: All who worship God, come here and listen;

I will tell you everything God has done for me.

People: I prayed to the Lord, and I praised God.

Leader: If my thoughts had been sinful, the Lord would have refused to hear me.

People: But God did listen and answered my prayer.

Leader: Let us praise God who listened when I prayed, and is always kind.

HYMN OF PRAYER #557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

v. 1-2

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

***Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.***

PRAYER FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,

and by which we pray for the world: Christ was raised and Christ is appearing.

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**People: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Light of the world.**

Leader: Therefore, let us pray for believers around the world who face persecution.

**People: Strong God of love,
grant protection and peace to your church
where its witness is met with hatred and violence.
Give us wisdom and passion to use our freedom
as a channel for their wellbeing
that the witness of our kindred in Christ
will form in us greater compassion for people of all faiths.
In the name of Jesus we offer this prayer. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: God, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 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. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY #94 (PLEASE STAND)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the

eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which Christ has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And God has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Raising a Church

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #545

The Church's One Foundation

v.1, 5

***The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.***

***From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.***

***Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.***

***O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Christ Is Alive

arr. M. Bedford

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Tiffany Williams-Fashimpaur

Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Heather Hinton

Organist

John Hague, Dick Luchtman

& Jeff Linnan

Audio Visual

Mark Gilgallon

Music Director

Steven Potts

Pianist

Alan Archibald

Liturgist

Upcoming Worship Service via Livestream:

Sunday, May 24, 11am

Adult Sunday School Class with Dr. Perry Kea
Sundays through May 31; 9:45-10:45am via Zoom

For more information, please email Amy Sell
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Parents of Pre-K Kids Sunday School Class
Sundays, 9:45-10:45am via Zoom

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Youth Group, Sundays, 4-5pm via Zoom
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