

Benediction

P: May the Lord Bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you with mercy, the Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. **Amen**

Sending Hymn *The Church of Christ in Every Age* **ELW 729 vv. 4, 5**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love God and your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Women's Group

April 22 at Pastor Kris's home – 10011 N. 152nd St. We are reading the book *Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. We're on chapter 3 but each chapter stands alone quite well, so if you'd like to join us it's not too late!

Sunday School schedule – in person

April 25

May 2

May 16

Vacation

Below are my vacation dates for the year. I'm hoping to get people from the congregation to share some of your experience from this year for at least some of them. Sign up is on the table in the narthex

May 23 August 29

July 18 October 24

Tech Volunteers needed

I'm gradually figuring out what technology we'll use for our online presence, but I can't be the one operating it during worship. Mostly it doesn't need a lot of operation – just someone to click to get the livestream started and someone to move the camera so I'm not so constrained to one spot. It would be nice to have 4 or 5 people – we'll teach you but it's all pretty easy.

Anti – racist Book Group – We are ready to start a new book - Native: Identity, Belong and Rediscovering God by Kaitlyn Curtice. We meet by Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7 and will begin discussion of this book on April 27. Registration link was in the Thursday E-News and will be in again this week. It will also be on church Facebook page and website. You'll need to get your own book.

Zion Worship

April 11, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Gathered in the name of the triune God +, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Risen Lord,

C: We confess that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, create divisions among ourselves, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life. Forgive us. Raise us up to be a people who will serve you faithfully.

P: Christ is arisen, bringing gifts of life, mercy and pardon for sin! Believe that you are forgiven, and go out and live in the joy of your Lord's resurrection in the power of God's Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn *The Church of Christ in Every Age* **ELW 729 vv 1-3**

Instrumental only – follow along

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

C: And also with you

Prayer of the Day

Risen Lord,

In an in between time of confusion and uncertainty, your disciples spent time together constantly in prayer. Encourage us also to pray as we discern your will in our own in between time, between what was and what is yet to come. In Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

Narrative Reading Acts 1:1-14

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of^[c] James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Accompanying Gospel – Luke 3:15-16

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is

more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Silence

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession - Unmute

Exchange of Peace – Unmute

P: The peace of Christ be with you all

R: And also with you.

Please share the peace with one another

Offering

Offertory Prayer

God of abundance, bless our gifts to the benefit of your world, and that all the earth may know of your goodness and grace, offered through the resurrection of your son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Communion

P: The Lord be with you

R: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

R: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

R: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Proclamation/Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Post-communion blessing and prayer

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