

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE

*I'd Rather Have Jesus
Yes, Jesus Loves Me*

arr. Northen
arr. Akers
Aldersgate Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Ranson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2025.

*OPENING HYMN

"Because He Lives"

UMH #364

*OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God:

We claim that you sent Jesus to us to take away the sin of the world and to say that we are part of that sin. Maybe our small errors add up; or maybe there is no degree to sin, that one is as hurtful as another. Help us not to dwell on vocabulary. Help us not to focus on what sin means but to acknowledge that we do things that hurt other people, and the creation, and ourselves, and you. Come into our hearts, then, and give us strength and courage to be less hurtful and more loving. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us how this is done. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news: Jesus came not to condemn us, but to love us and save us and show us the way. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rise Against Hunger

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 119: 9-20

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Penny

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-14

SERMON

"Spiritual GPS"

Pastor Penny

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Holy Communion

UMH #12-14

SPECIAL MUSIC

Joyful, Joyful!

arr. Stephenson
Aldersgate Ringers

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

My Inmost Heart Now Rises

J.C. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*CLOSING HYMN

"Sing the Wonderous Love of Jesus"

UMH #701

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Rise Up In Praise

D. Paxton

**Please stand as you are able*

A special thanks to our acolyte - Rebecca Daniel & crucifer - Audrey Daniel!

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