



April 21, 2024
Third Sunday After Easter

Brief Announcements		
Prelude	Lisa Cripe	
Opening Prayer	Daun Hashbarger	
*Opening Hymn	<i>I'll Praise My Maker</i>	CH 20
Children's Moment	Jeff Moore	
Anthem	<i>When the Poor Ones</i>	WGCC Choir
Scripture Reading	1 John 3:16-24	Daun Hashbarger
Table Talk	"Loving in Truth and Action"	Jeff Moore
Invitation to Discipleship		Jeff Moore
*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Lord, You Give the Great Commission</i>	CH 459
Invitation to the Lord's Table		Jeff Moore
Communion Hymn	<i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i>	CH 422

The Lord's Supper/Elder's Prayer	Keiler Swartz
Communion Meditation	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Offering Our Gifts & Commitments	Jeff Moore
Prayer over the Offering	
*Doxology	
Prayers of the Community	Jeff Moore
<i>This morning, we are praying with and for the people and churches of Lebanon/Syria, and those countries under the siege of war and natural disasters</i>	
The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us	
<i>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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.</i>	
*Closing Hymn	<i>Pass It On</i> CH 477
*Benediction	Jeff Moore
Postlude*	<i>Pass It On</i>

* = <i>Please stand if you are comfortably able.</i>	
CH—Chalice Hymnal CP=Chalice Praise Hymnal AAH=African-Amer. Hymnal	
Greeter(s): Craig & Donna Wood	
Musicians: Lisa Cripe, Wind of the Spirit, WGCC Choir (Robin Woodrome, director)	
Prayer Composer: Devoree Crist	
Media/Streaming: John Pahl, Andrew Damsgaard-Rodriguez	

Opening Prayer April 21, 2024 Sunday Worship

1 John 3:16-24

Eternal God, your overflowing love brought us into life and sustains us. We are called to love one another because you loved us first. But it isn't enough to say I love my neighbor. It is too easy to close our eyes to the truth that people are suffering every day. Let us begin by truly seeing one another, by recognizing the humanity in each and every person. Today as we praise you, hear your word preached, and join together in communion, let your grace pour over us and fill us. Let what we experience here stay with us and motivate us in the week ahead as it is translated into action. The way we serve shows our commitment to you and the love we feel for you. We pray in the name of the One who laid down his life in the greatest act of love, Amen.

1 John 3:16-24

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16 We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. **17** How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? **18** Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. **19** And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him **20** whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. **21** Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, **22** and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. **23** And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. **24** All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.