

*\* Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able  
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## LET US GATHER

**PRELUDE** *Abide With Me* *J.M.Rasley*

### WELCOME to ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey,  
you are welcome here.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** *For The Beauty Of The Earth* *L.V.Beethoven*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather today still holding the news of Easter in our minds and hearts.

**ALL: We come with our questions...our doubts...our wondering.**

One: The risen Christ comes to us as he came to His disciples.

**ALL: We are gathered here as witnesses to His resurrection.  
Come...let us worship our loving God.**

## LET US PREPARE

**\*HYMN** *For the Beauty of the Earth* *R66*

### UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

**Risen God we come to You in this season of Eastertide still reflecting on the wonder of that day. We are not so different from those first disciples who wondered what they should do after Good Friday. Come to us as you came to them. Breathe peace with your Holy Spirit into our lives. Open our hearts to receive what our minds cannot at times grasp. Help us to see that it is perfect love that casts out all fear and doubt.**

**Let us in this time of worship draw closer to You so that we can**

**become those faithful disciples that you wish and want us to be. We pray all this as you have taught us, saying, "Our Father..."**

## LET US LISTEN

**READING** I John 4:13-16, 18-19

**HYMN** *Christ is the World's True Light* *R198*

**REFLECTION** *Love that casts out Fear*

**ANTHEM** *If Ye Love Me* *T.Tallis*

*You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.*

## LET US RESPOND

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns** *Medima*

Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.

**L:** Let the people say ...

**P:** **Amen and Amen.**

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

**OFFERTORY** *What Wondrous Love Is This?* *Arr.J. Cotter*

**\*DOXOLOGY** B778 (tune: B780 L.Bourgeois 1551)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION

**Generous and loving God.. we return to You only a small portion of what You have given us. Use these gifts to bring peace into your world where there is so much strife and loss. May these gifts from our hands reach those who are in need .. those who are in pain .. those who may**

be suffering. And may Your vision of a world of peace, love, and justice become a reality.

**LET US GO FORTH**

**\*HYMN** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* *R157*  
**\*BENEDICTION**  
**\*SEVEN FOLD AMEN** *R594*  
**POSTLUDE** *God's Blessing Sends Us Forth* *L.Smith*

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**Ministers:** **The People**  
**Guest Preacher:** **Paul Hanna**  
**Minister of Music:** **Gene Faxon**  
**Worship Leader:** **Rich Dufresne**  
**Greeters:** **Dan Isaacs and Karen Shea Dufresne**  
**Usher:** **Lisa Giragosian**  
**Setup:** **Lisa Giragosian**  
**Flowers:**

*Please join us in the Parish House after worship for coffee and fellowship, this week provided by Lisa G*

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