

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

10:00 AM

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Arisen is the Holy Christ* (J. G. Walther)

TRINITY CHIMES

PRESENTING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, "I am the way for you."

In faith, we come to follow Christ.

Jesus says, "I am the truth for you."

By faith, we come to dwell in His light.

Jesus says, "I am the life for you."

Through faith, we come to dwell in the house of the Lord.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

*ENTRANCE HYMN #461 *God Is Here!*

*PRAYER

For the gift of faith which sees beyond the present moment
and looks to eternity,

we thank you, Lord.

For the gift of faith small as a mustard seed,
which has power in its simplicity,

we thank you, Lord.

For the simple gifts bestowed on those who worship in faith,
hearts open in humility,

we thank you, Lord.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will.
Make us love what you command and desire what you promise,
that, amid all the changes of the world,
our hearts may be fixed where Easter joy is found;
on Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

O loving and merciful God,

Give me a pure heart – that I may see Thee,

A humble heart – that I may hear Thee,

A heart of love – that I may serve Thee,

A heart of faith – that I may abide in Thee.

Silent prayers may be offered.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & SONGS OF SALVATION

#111 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

#341 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PSALTER Psalm 119:105-112 (OT, page 442)

ANTHEM *If You Only Had Faith* (Sosa/Lockward)

If you only had faith, just like a little seed of mustard: this is what Jesus has said.

You would be able to tell this mountain:

Move away! And then the mountain will move away.

Si tuvieras fe como un granito de mostaza: eso lo dice el Señor.

Tú le dirías a esa motana: ¡muévete! Y la montaña se moverá.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 17:14-20 (NT page 15)

MESSAGE: **“Walking By Faith: Just Do It”**

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN #526 *Faith of our Fathers* (gold hymnal)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... **Our Father** ...

COMMUNION

PRAYER

GOING FORTH TO WALK IN FAITH

*SENDING HYMN #454 *Trust and Obey* (gold hymnal)

*GOD'S BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Faithful Christians, One and All* (Mary B. Bennett)