

**The liturgical color is white,
for joy and festivities.**

Prelude "Beautiful Savior" Dale Wood
Amy Bender

Welcome Tammy Palermo

Liturgists 9:00 Jolie Fisher, 11:00 Ben Chiappone

Call to Worship
As you walk with us, as we journey together,
Lord, your word fills our hearts!
As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,
Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!
As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,
May all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!
(courtesy of Ministry Matters)

Opening Prayer
Lord, we celebrate the triumph of life over death—this is the good news of Jesus, our risen savior. You have ransomed us from our futility—our salvation wasn’t purchased with gold or silver or with perishable earthly goods, but with the precious blood of Christ himself. In his resurrection, we are born anew with him—born of the immortal, born of the everlasting, born into a living hope. Fill us with all good gifts of your Holy Spirit, that we may share your love with boldness and power, with passion and conviction! In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.
(courtesy of Ministry Matters)

***Hymn #545** "The Church's One Foundation"

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance
We’re afraid to take a truthful look at ourselves, yet you see us as we really are. Open our eyes, Lord. Even when we won’t listen to you, you hear us when we call your name. Open our ears, Lord. We keep the light of your word hidden to ourselves, though you gave it to share with the world. Open our mouths, Lord. May we know and serve the One who calls us to see, hear, and speak. Open our hearts, Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

The Lord's Prayer
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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Children are invited to meet in the Narthex in the back of the Sanctuary to go to Sunday school.

Anthem 9:00 "Majesty" arr. Jack Schrader
Charter Members Men's Choir

11:00 "A Jubilant Song" Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

Serving & Giving Emphasis

Offertory 9:00 "Agnus Dei" Victor C. Johnson

11:00 "Lord, I Give Myself to You" Victor C. Johnson

***Doxology #94**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #377** "It Is Well"

Hymn History: The words to his hymn were written by Horatio Stafford. Born in Troy, New York in 1828, Stafford became a prominent lawyer in Chicago as well as a Presbyterian elder. He had many real estate holdings which were destroyed by the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Two years later, he scheduled a European trip for himself, his wife Anna and their four daughters. Stafford could not travel due to work but his family went on the trip. The ship collided with another ship and sank. Anna survived but the four daughters drowned. Sailing to Britain to reunite with his wife, he wrote this hymn as he passed over the site where his daughters died. The Staffords had three more children and moved to Jerusalem to establish the American Colony, which provided aid to people regardless of their religious background. He died in 1888 and is buried in Jerusalem.

Scripture 1 Peter 1:17-23

Sermon Loosening the Bonds Tammy Palermo

***Hymn #378** "Amazing Grace"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Sung Response** "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Postlude "Classical Postlude " Robert J. Hughes

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In Loving Memory of Roger Robinson

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April 23, 2023
Traditional Worship

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