

The liturgical color is gold, symbolizing joy and festivities

**PRELUDE** "Beautiful Savior" Dale Wood  
Amy Bender Organ

**WELCOME** 9:00 Don Humphrey; 11:00 Willie Dycks, liturgists

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said,  
"Follow me."  
Jesus said,  
"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."  
Jesus said,  
"Forgive seventy times seven."  
Jesus said,  
"Feed my sheep."  
In response, we say:  
"Here's my heart. Take and seal it.  
Seal it for thy courts above."  
Let us worship God with all our hearts.

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH 327

**OPENING PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

*Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School*

**ANTHEM 9:00** "Behold Our God" James P. Colman  
Tracy Paroubek, clarinet

**11:00** "Festival Sanctus" John Leavitt  
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

**SCRIPTURE** John 21:1-14, p. 769

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink. You tell us your truth and we push it away. We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance. We profess our faith and deny it three times. We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence. Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith. Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination. Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you. With humble hearts we pray, Amen.**

*\* Congregation invited to stand if able*

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in a God who shows up in our lives—surprising and catching us off-guard in the best of ways. We believe in a God who cares for God's people—a shepherd who longs for her sheep to be fed and tended. We believe in a God who took on flesh—a God whose love changed the world as we know it. We believe that this here-and-now God invites us out of the boat, calling ordinary people like Peter, like us, into a life of service and community. And so, we give our hearts. We give our whole hearts and nothing less. Amen.**

**SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

You may place your offering in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary or give online using the link on the back of the bulletin

**OFFERTORY 9:00** "Spring Soliloquy" Richard E. Brown  
**11:00** "Cross of Christ, O Sacred Tree" Lloyd Larson

**\*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**

**For God, like Peter, we have known storms. This week, people in this room have grieved. This week, people in this room have felt overwhelmed. This week, people in this room have been lonely, stressed, or uncertain. So just as you walked toward Peter, walk toward us. Meet us here. Meet us now. Gather us in. Accept our sincere giving and thankful hearts to you Church, Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF CENTERING**

"Lift High the Cross" UMH 159  
*Hymn History:* This hymn has words written by George William Kitchen and later modified by Michael Robert Newbolt based on the hymn Crucifer written by Sir Sydney Hugo Nicholson. Sir Sydney was born in London, England in 1875. He graduated from the Royal College of Music where he studied the organ. He served as organist at Carlisle Cathedral, Eton College, Manchester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. He also founded the Royal School of Church Music in London in 1927. He was knighted for his service to church music in 1938. A crucifer is a person who carries the processional cross for elaborate services on festive days, like our Easter services last Sunday. The term comes from the latin crux (cross) and ferre (to bear or carry). Nicholson died in Ashford, Kent, England in 1947 and is buried in Westminster Abbey.

**SCRIPTURE** John 21:15-19, p. b769-770

**MESSAGE** "Wandering Heart: Here's My Heart" Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**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.**

**\*FAITH IN ACTION**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"Toccata in C Major"

Pachelbel

Other than the Prayer of Dedication, the prayers used in this service were written by Rev. Sarah Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)



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*Feed My Sheep*  
by Nicolette Peñaranda  
Inspired by John 21:1-19, Yarn and paper collage on canvas  
excerpt from artist's statement on insert  
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Traditional Worship

April 7, 2024

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