

# The Church at Worship

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.  
Congregational responses and unison readings are indicated in bold.*

## The Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of abundant grace, we gather today just as your first disciples gathered in the wake of the resurrection: in joy, wonder and disbelief. We remember that whenever we gather in your name, you appear in our midst, offering us the comfort of your presence and the assurance of your love. And we give you thanks that like those first disciples, you give us a community to practice our faith. Grant us grace to hold space for one another and protect and keep this community where we explore what it means to receive your forgiveness and dedicate our lives to you. In His name, Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Psalm 4)*

Leader: The Lord hears us when we call:

**People: Come, let us put our trust in God.**

Leader: The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

**People: Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!**

Leader: The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

**People: Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *More About Jesus* # 182

CALL TO CONFESSION

To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ Jesus. Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin. Trusting in God's promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.**

*(Moment for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are". Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love. Alleluia! Amen

**All: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

## The Response to Forgiveness

*\*Gloria Patri* #620

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: *The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ which passes all understanding be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please turn to those around you and extend the hand of peace and friendship)*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Wonderful Words of Life* # 177

## The Word

SERMON

"Bring it Back to Life"  
RE Louan Pyron

## The Response

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Eucharist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*\*DOXOLOGY*

# 623

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all people here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father; Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## The Sending

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Standing on the Promises*

# 181

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*God Be With You*

#583

POSTLUDE

