



Our Vision: Growing in love for God and others we make disciples for Jesus. Our Mission: Love God – Love People – Make Disciples.

April 21, 2024

9:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE Postlude on "Hyfrydol"

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Rowland H. Prichard Arr by: Carolyn Hamlin Dorothy Parris —Piano

## SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION BEFORE WORSHIP

I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work and meditate on your mighty deeds. (Psalm 77:11-12)

WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor Bob

PREPARING OUR HEARTS "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

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Arthur H Messier Arr. By: Dan Bird Celebration SIngers

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Gail Botsford

Leader: What a joy it is to welcome you this day! **People:** We are grateful and happy to be here.

Leader: Christ, the Good Shepherd, invites you to walk with him. **People:** We accept that invitation, confident in his guidance.

Leader: Be ready to serve the Lord in all that you do, for his love has been poured

upon you.

People: Open our hearts and spirits this day, Lord, to receive your holy words and

to be challenged in our service to you. Amen.

**OPENING PRAYER** (unison)

Gail Botsford

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your

words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. Amen.

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

# "How Firm a Foundation"

#408

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# **CALL TO CONFESSION** (not on the screen)

Gail Botsford

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done. Please pray with me.

# PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS AND RENEWAL (unison)

Gail Botsford

Almighty God, you are faithful, true, and unchanging, but we do not always trust and obey. You as we should. In our pride we challenge Your rule over us. In our shortsightedness we are slow to obey, or we ignore Your commands altogether. In our rush to claim what is ours, we forget that everything belongs to You. In thought and deed, we have sinned against You. Open our eyes, God, to see You as You are. Forgive us for these and other sins and have mercy on us in Jesus' name. Amen.

# **WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (not on the screen)

Gail Botsford

In the midst of all that you fear, God is with you. God will not abandon you. Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for you and offers you hope and peace. AMEN.

\*HYMN OF WORSHIP

"Rise Up, O Church of God"

#433

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Bob

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Pastor Bob

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Flyin' Like an Eagle"

Ken Medema

Arr. By: Jack Schrader

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication (not on the screen)

Gail Botsford

Our Father in heaven, multiply our gifts and increase their usefulness. Magnify your purposes in their distribution, to the end that your kingdom may come, and your will

may be done on earth as it in in heaven. Hear us now as we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us, "Our Father..."

#### \*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

NEW TESTAMENT READING: ACTS 1:1-8 (NIV)

Leader: This the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM "Go Ye Into All the World"

Eugene Butler Celebration Singers

SERMON Series: "THE CHURCH IN ACTION: CALLED, EMPOWERED, SENT"

"Called and Equipped" Pastor Bob

\*CLOSING HYMN "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" #446 (vv.1,3,4)

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\*BENEDICTION Pastor Bob

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Shalom Chaverim"

#### **POSTLUDE**

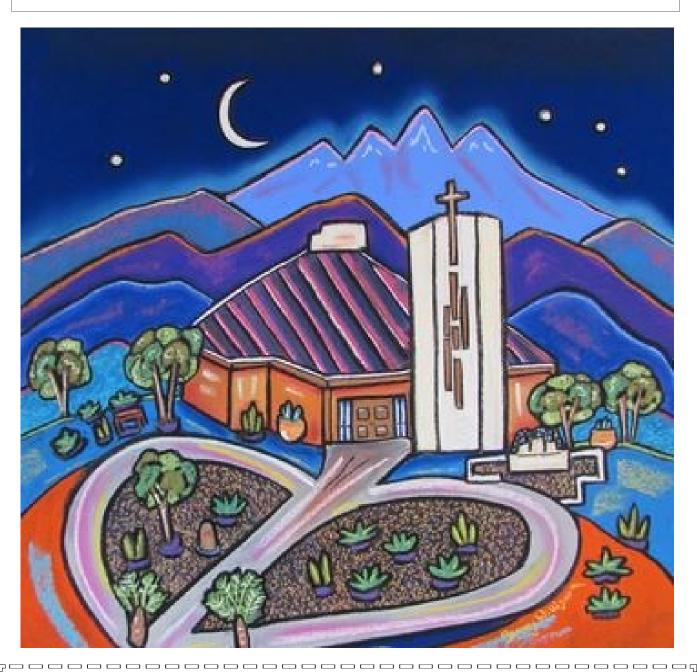
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