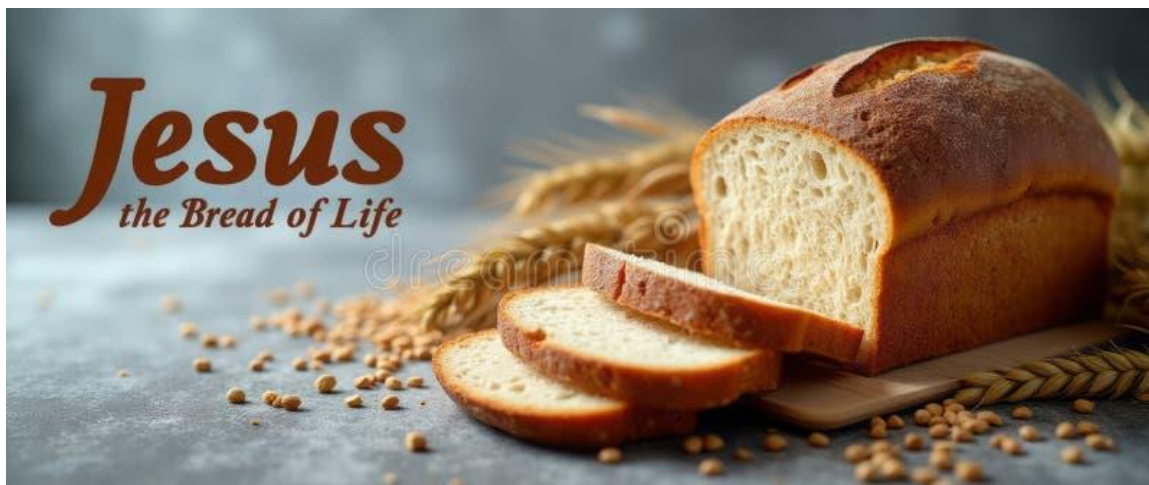


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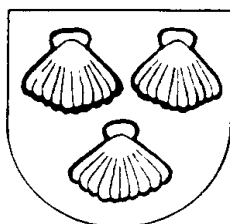
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“I AM...The Bread of Life”

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Gathering

Prelude Partita on "This Joyful Eastertide" arr. by Paul Bouman **Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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Welcome

Antuan Hairston

Lighting the Prayer Candle

One: The light shines in the darkness.

All: We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.

One: Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.

All: Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Introit

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Handbell Choir

Bob Burroughs, based on the hymn tune Ode to Joy
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Call to Worship

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In the rising of the morning sun, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Shine!

In the greening of the Earth and blooming of creation, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Grow!

In the mountains reaching toward the sky, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Stand with strength!

In the darkness of the winter days, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Trust!

In the presence of the skies that float above us and the assurance of the Earth beneath us

And with the calm of the Spirit within us, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Live!

Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

*Opening Prayer

Antuan Hairston

Creator God, you call us to take on the holiness you have planted within us. In our worship this day, open our eyes and hearts to your movement that longs to make a home in us. So be it. Amen.

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*Opening Hymn

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

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1. Holy Spirit truth divine
Dawn upon this soul of mine
Word of God and inward light
Wake my spirit clear my sight

2. Holy Spirit, love divine
Glow within this heart of mine
Kindle every high desire
Perish self in thy pure fire

3. Holy Spirit power divine
Fill and nerve this will of mine
Grant that I may strongly live
Bravely bear and nobly strive

4. Holy Spirit right divine
King within my conscience reign
Be my Lord and I shall be
Firmly bound forever free

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*Please stand as able

Passing of the Peace

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Children's Moment

Amanda Yoo

Scripture

**Psalm 150 (NRSVue)
Luke 24: 13-35 (NRSVue)**

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Word in Music

"Alleluia, He Is Risen"
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Handbell Choir

Message

"I AM...The Bread of Life"

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Response

Prayers of Intercession

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Response: As you sent Christ, now send us.

Lord's Prayer

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Meditation

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
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Handbell Choir

***Doxology**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
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

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Offering Prayer

Going Forth

***Closing Hymn**

"He Is Lord"
He is Lord, he is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Tom Fettke, 1986
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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude (Variation V) Partita on "This Joyful Eastertide" arr. by Paul Bouman ***Offered by Clarice Snyder***

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Question for Reflection

Thomas doubted the resurrection until he saw the nail holes and put his finger in the wound of the risen Christ's hands and side. We, too, have been wounded in this life, and our society often teaches us to hide our wounds and vulnerabilities.

What might happen if, like Christ, we invited those shut down by life to explore our wounds?

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God, you are the God who is and was and is to be.

Thank you that Christ has freed us

to be a kingdom of priests serving you and your world.

Give me a deeper sense, as I move through this day,
of what it means to say that you are my "Alpha and Omega," my A to Z. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Jesus, tonight I remember

that your gospel gives me the power to forgive any and all,
through the gift of your Holy Spirit, and that includes forgiving myself.

Breathe your peace into me so that even if I pierced you today,
I can still see you coming to embrace me with your freedom and love this night. Amen

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