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*We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ
as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day
April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

***The Call to Worship**

Liturgist: O Lord our God, we praise you.

People: We cried to you for your help, and you answered us.

Liturgist: You have restored our lives.

People: You have rescued us from the grave.

Liturgist: In you, O God, we have our life, breath, and being.

People: It is more than enough reason to give you all glory and praise!

Liturgist: Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn:** *Rejoice! The Lord is King!, verses 1, 2, & 4*

***A Call to Confession (Liturgist)**

When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God, who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin. Please pray with me...

***Unison Prayer of Confession (prayed aloud by all)**

Lord God, in the light of your glory, we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin. Redeem us from our wrongdoing. Wash us in your mercy and feed us with the manna of your grace. Embolden us once again to walk in righteousness and truth. Empower us to tell the good news of the gospel, that though we have been lost, You keep on finding us again and again by Your love. Amen.

The Silent Confession (please be seated)

The Sung Response to Confession: *Be Not Afraid*

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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The Declaration and Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Rise up from the dust! Cast off your graveclothes!

People: Put on the joy of the Lord because in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Passing the Peace of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome**

Liturgist: Peace be with you.

People: And, also with you.

(Congregation shares peace with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)

Anthem

In Christ Alone

Max Keefer

Small Talk

Prayer for Illumination

Breathe on us, O Lord. By the power of your Holy Spirit, open our minds, unlock our hearts, and animate our faith so that we may welcome the risen one among us and be the resurrected people you desire. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 28:16-20

Acts 4:1-12

The Message

By What Power?

Rev. Jessica McClure-Archer

Reflection Question

Hymn of Affirmation:

You Are My All in All, verse 2

Sharing Our Life Together

The Offertory

Freedom

Max Keefer

Thanksgiving in Song: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks!

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name!

***The Sending Hymn:**

Go To the World, verses 1, 3, & 4

***The Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Offerings are received through a variety of ways – in the plate during the offering, online, by mail or via the office. May our offerings be reflection of God’s abundance in our lives, for the glory of God and for the work of God’s kingdom in the world. Thank you for being so generous and sustaining our ministry. To give online visit - <https://www.sampsonsmills.org/offering>

**Liturgical resources adapted from Feasting on the Word*

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Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

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Go to the World!

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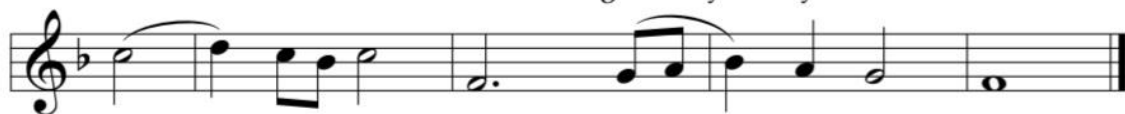
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.