Order of Worship for 4/16/23

10:00am CST Online at <u>www.calvinchurch.net</u> || via phone at (952) 208-6020 || parking lot radio on 87.9FM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: The good news resounds:
- **People:** Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- Leader: We celebrate the God who is our refuge.
- People: In God's presence there is gladness and rest.
- Leader: God is always before us
- People: We shall not be shaken.

OPENING PRAYER (all)

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*OPENING HYMN #118

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God. From death to life eternal, From this world unto the sky, Our Christ hath brought us over With hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light; And listening to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain, His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain. The Day of Resurrection!

3 Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth the song begin, Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein; Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend, For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that hath no end.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)

Embodied God, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, imbuing us with the grace and patience that you have shown to us time and again. We experience your presence,

but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do. We look down on those who ask for proof, we scorn those who scoff at our faith. Forgive us and soften our hearts. Remind us of our own human doubts, that we might have compassion for all and freely share your grace.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #2026

Halle Hallelujah

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 16 (p. 495)

PRESENTATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLES

SCRIPTURE LESSON This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God! 1 Peter: 1-9 (p.232)

SERMON

"Fullness of Joy" Pastor John Gay

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew, That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure, Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine, Until this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die, But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY CALL & OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY #592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN #302

I Danced in the Morning

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, At Bethlehem I had my birth. Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, But they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came to me and the dance went on.

Refrain

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame, The holy people said it was a shame; They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; And they left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the devil on your back; They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, But I am the dance and I still go on.

Refrain

They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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