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## Order of Worship for 4/12/26

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### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

The trusting heart to Jesus clings

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

We come again to celebrate resurrection.  
God gives us new birth into a living hope.

**Death has no power over us.**

**Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.**

Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ!

Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

**Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.**

**God shows us the path of life.**

Again, Jesus says to us; Peace be with you.

Come to receive life in Christ's name.

**We rejoice in God's amazing Good News.**

**In God's presence, we find fullness of joy.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

**Your Easter people gather to praise you, amazing God. Continue to make your ways known to us. Fill us with your presence. We cannot live apart from you.**

**Your counsel and instruction are with us day and night. We have only to open ourselves to your direction. Inspire in us fullness and joy, we pray, as we respond in faith to the risen Christ and embrace the tasks you set before us.**

**Build up our sense of community that we may truly care for one another through all life's trials. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN #138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your truth to what we can understand.**

**Forgive us for chasing after gods of our own making. We are so busy with them that we forget to open ourselves to your larger reality. We reduce the circles of connection and caring that Jesus demonstrated. Goodness is crucified by our narrow prejudices, and our doubts plunge us into despair. Be to us a refuge, granting us courage to face the questions that haunt us until they lead to deeper understanding. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ, **we are forgiven.**

**\*HYMN #2026**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 16  
Old Testament page 806

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 20:19-31  
New Testament page 104

**SERMON**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God, sovereign in grace and love, maker of all things. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, the firstborn of a new creation. We believe in God's eternal Spirit, pledge and foretaste of the future, given that we may not lose the way, who has endowed us with a diversity of gifts. We are a pilgrim people on the way to the promised goal. On this way, we are called to live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church. In this unity, we offer our worship, witness and service and receive one another in love and joy. We are being led to the free obedience of the children of God, and so we look with yearning and hope to the final reconciliation of humanity with God, and the renewal of all creation. Alleluia. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #272**

God of the Sparrow

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

I will Sing of My Redeemer

**\*DOXOLOGY**

To the tune of "All Creatures of our God and King"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SENT IN GOD'S NAME**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #324**

Open My Eyes That I May See

**BENEDICTION**

Liturgical resources from *Taught By Love: Resources for Year A* by Lavon Bayler. The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the "Basis of Union: Uniting in Worship," a Creed from the Uniting Church in Australia.

