

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times when all who are able may stand.  
**Bold indicates congregational response.**

Ringing of the Bell

Pastor's Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship - *Psalm 96 1-2, 11-13 CEB*

Sing to the LORD a new song!

**Sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

Sing to the LORD! Bless God's name!

**Share the news of God's saving work every single day!**

Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice!

**Let the sea and everything in it roar!**

Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate!

**Then all the trees of the forest too will shout out joyfully**

before the LORD because he is coming!

**God is coming to establish justice on the earth!**

God will establish justice in the world rightly.

**God will establish justice among all people fairly.**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**O heavenly Conductor of the spheres, in the beginning, you sang creation into being. By your word, your song, your dance, life sprung forth. May your tune of justice and righteousness fill our souls. We gather to praise your holy name, sing songs of your love, and join in your dance of grace, peace, and truth. May the rhythms of our spirits, and the melodies of our hearts be most pleasing to you, O God our help, our joy, our guide, Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 100 NRSV

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

**Thanks be to God!**

Reflection

+ Opening Hymn No. 87

*"Come Christians Join to Sing"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Risen One, we gather this morning ready to sing your praises. With shouts of Alleluia, we gather in hopeful anticipation of your reign of justice and peace. We desire to sing a new song, but get trapped in our worn-out hymns of times gone by. We confess, that at times we sing to forget, to ignore, to pacify our inaction in a world so full of pain, brokenness, and sin. Meet us in our silence, in the stillness of this moment, Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

Assurance of Grace

God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. May new songs rise up within us, and may we have the courage to be who God is calling us to be. By the steadfast love and grace of God, your sins are forgiven.

**Alleluia, we are forgiven, praise be to God, Alleluia! Amen.**

Special Music

*"Sonatie No. 5"*

Kohler

Ann Hartley & Karen Stafford, flutes

Announcements

Giving from Our Hearts



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+ Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

