

Welcome to Worship
April 14th, 2024

Prelude

Fair Havens ~ Stan Pethel

Gathering Hymn

The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing ~ W&P 139

Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and we are your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading 1 John 3:1-7 First Nations Version

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

Behold the greatness of the love shown to us by our Father the Great Spirit that he would call us his children! And so we are! The ones who belong to *the ways* of this world do not know the Giver of Life, so they do not see us in this way. Much-loved friends, we are now Creator's children. It is not yet clear what we will be. But we know that when the Chosen One appears, we will be like him, for we will see him as he truly is. All who through him have this hope will keep themselves pure, in the same way that he is pure.

All who walk in broken ways are trampling over the law *of the Chosen One*, for all broken ways go against his law. You know that he came to do away with bad hearts and broken ways and that in him there are no broken ways. The ones who remain in harmony with him do not walk in broken ways. Those who walk in broken ways have not truly seen or known him.

My much-loved children, do not let anyone take you down the wrong path. The Chosen One always did what was right. So the ones who keep walking his right ways show that they are in good standing with him.

Word of God. Word of life
Thanks be to God

Psalm 4 *Sure of This* ~ Grace Notes-Doerksen, Thiessen, Rees, Trask

Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Hymn of the Day

Touch That Soothes and Heals ~ ACS 939

Musical Offering

Thrive ~ Hall & West Grace Notes

Offertory Hymn

We Eat the Bread of Teaching ~ ELW 518 (refrain only)

Communion Hymn

Make Me a Servant ~ W&P 96
Your Grace is Enough ~ Matt Maher

Sending Hymn

Joy ~ Rend Collective

Postlude

Air & Variations in E major, "The Harmonious Blacksmith" ~ G.F. Handel