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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

~ Romans 12:15

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ALLELUIA HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH! GTG #591
Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell (Refrain)

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9 (NRSV)
This is the good news we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD GTG #286
by Edwin Hatch TRENTHAM

GOSPEL READING JOHN 16: 4B-15 (NRSV)

SERMON PRACTICE CREATIVITY

RESPONSE AMEN GTG #600
African American; arr. Nelsie T. Johnson

~ ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD*** ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
In a broken and fearful world,
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. (*continued next page*)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(continued from previous page)*

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful
lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying,
"Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love
of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **SENDING** ~

HYMN

I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME

GTG #700

African American Spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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