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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

# ~ GATHERING ~

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (from Romans 12)

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to live in harmony with one another. **Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.** 

#### PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 131)

Holy God, who nurtures our lives with hope, our hearts are not lifted up, our eyes are not raised too high;

I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother.

#### Holy God, our hope is in you, from this time on and forevermore.

Come, let us worship God.

**\*HYMN** I DANCED IN THE MORNING GTG #157 American Shaker Melody; adapt. by Sydney Carter (LORD OF THE DANCE)

# CHILDREN OF GOD

All: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.

#### POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

# **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ's righteous path. Guide our steps in mission and ministry. Amen. [Silent Confession]

#### \*RESPONSE

BE NOT AFRAID

GTG #243

Taizé Community and Jacques Berthier

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

#### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

| <b>Alleluia</b><br>Ca  | HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!<br>aribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell (Refrain) | GTG #591             |
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| ~ 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. (NRSV)   Thanks be to God. (NRSV) |  | (NRSV)               |
| Hymn   | BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD by Edwin Hatch                                  | GTG #286<br>trentham |
| GOSPEL READING   | John 16: 4b-15   | (NRSV)               |
| Sermon   | PRACTICE CREATIVITY  |                      |
| Response   | AMEN<br>African American; arr. Nelsie T. Johnson                             | GTG #600             |

# ~ 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 ~

HYMNI'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE MEGTG #700African American Spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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