

April 14, 2024
Third Sunday in Easter

*indicates when you are invited to stand
BOLDED WORDS are read aloud together

GATHERING

We are drawn together as God's beloved community

PRELUDE

Kyrie

Chen Liang
COUPERIN

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Jeny Carlson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rachel Wu

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the one true God be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

***HYMN OF GATHERING #395**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Dustin Wilsor

Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us, yet too often we practice pride. You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem, yet too often we rush past the pain of others. You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out, yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular. You freely forgave and healed, yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain. You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you, yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers. Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory. Amen.

***GLORIA #582**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen

World without end, without end, Amen. (3x)

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, Amen

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Rev. Jeny Carlson

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

GOD'S WORD

We hear the testimony of God's faithful acts

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Dustin Wilsor

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dustin & Kids

Lord God, thank you for giving us the Bible. Thank you that when we read it, we can learn more about you and learn to love you more. Send your Spirit to help us understand your Word and to help us grow. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ps. 4

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

NPC Pick-up Choir
Arr. DILWORTH

SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Jeny Carlson

Do Spirits Eat?

***HYMN OF REFLECTION #465**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

THE EUCHARIST

We offer ourselves in thanksgiving. With gratitude, we receive God's gifts.

OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Jeny Carlson

***DOXOLOGY #608**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After the spoken prayer, there will be an open time of prayer for the congregation to offer a short sentence of prayer.

Leader: Lord, In your mercy,

Congregational refrain: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kin-dom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE SENDING

We move out into the world by the power of the Spirit in boldness

***HYMN OF SENDING #747**

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (3x)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Dustin Wilsor

POSTLUDE

Gentle Breeze

Chen Liang

BENDER

395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;


and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your

true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus


죄짐맡은 우리구주




1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -



make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.



The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un



do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me



falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -



us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show how the call to action in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God's work.