

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

## *Mother's Day*

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Welcome

\*Passing of the Peace

**Chiming of the Hour** *(please be seated)*

**Prelude**

*Here I Am, Lord* arr. Page  
Sanctuary Choir

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Let all in this place be filled with joy for you are loved by God!

**Men: No one here will be left out -- God's love is for everyone!**

**Women: Come now and worship. Let nothing hinder you.**

Leader: God sees you and loves you just as you are.

**All: Let us worship him now together.**

\*Opening Hymn #304

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

\*Centering Prayer

Gracious God, on this day when we celebrate the love within the home, we remember your love embodied in your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to model our love after his servant love, which bows down to cradle the vulnerable in hands that offer a healing and life-giving touch. We pray this in his name. Amen.

**The Apostles' Creed (#881)**

\*Gloria Patri (#70)

**A Prayer for the Women in Our Lives**

**Special Music** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* by Ken Medema  
Carol Choir

**Children's Message**

**Ministry of the Word** Ephesians 2:8-10 (NLT)

**Psalter Reading**

Psalm 111

Hymnal, Page 832

Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God."

Response #1

People: "Thanks be to God."

\*Hymn of Preparation #2150

*Lord, Be Glorified*

**Sermon**

"Now What?"

Rev. Bates

Text: Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer #895**

**Choral Amen**

**Offering & Offertory**

*Sometimes By Step* by Rich Mullins

*Oh God, You are my God*

*and I will ever praise You*

*Oh God, You are my God*

*and I will ever praise You*

*I will seek You in the morning*

*and I will learn to walk in Your ways*

*and step by step You'll lead me*

*and I will follow You all of my days*

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\*Doxology (#94)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**In gratitude for your love which never lets us go, we bring you our gifts, O God. Help us to give with generous grace and to love lavishly as you have so loved us. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ who came that we might know what a life of love looks like. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn #2114

*At the Font We Start Our Journey*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Improvisation on "*Sometimes By Step*"

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*\*For those who are able, please stand*