

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Mother's Day

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

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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*"

**For those who are able, please stand*