

* **THE HYMN 554**

Let All Things Now Living

* **THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Rutter



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WORSHIP APRIL 20, 2008

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff

* **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christopher Henry

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth. For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

People: Great is your name. Great is your love.

Leader: For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy. Your love and mercy shall last for ever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

People: Great is your name. Great is your love.

* **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 288**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

**(The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess before you that in all generations men and women have rejected you again and again. At times we seek in pride to become gods, denying the good limits that define us as creatures. At other times we draw back in apathy, refusing to fulfill our human responsibilities. The antagonism between races, nations, and neighbors, between women and men, children and parents, between human beings and the natural order, are manifestations of our sin against you. Forgive us, and make us whole, for the sake of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 426)

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 112. Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the **Passing of the Peace** for special classes. Preschoolers are in Room G-11 and K-5th grade are in Room G-1.)*

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 24 (page 475 in the Pew Bible)
Responsive Reading

THE ANTHEM

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Pfautsch

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved. He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper and thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

- from Psalm 121

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 16:1-9 (page 74 in the Pew Bible)

THE SERMON

“An Alliance for Life”

Joanna Adams

...for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. Luke 16:8b

* THE HYMN 293

This Is My Father's World

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (see insert)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE OFFERTORY

Beach Spring

Sacred Harp, arr. Porter

* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Hymn 592)