

**“If You Have A
Choice, Be Kind”**



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

9:00 am

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Katie Maurer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Leader: Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

People: Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

*INVOCATION (in unison)

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Blessed Assurance" #543

MORNING PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

CONTEMPORARY SONG "Worthy is the Lamb"

SCRIPTURE Acts 9: 36-43 (**NRSV**) Pastor Mary

SERMON Pastor Mary
"If You Have A Choice, Be Kind"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want." Trusting in divine care, let us present our tithes and offerings to God who restores our lives eternally.

OFFERTORY "Nearer, My God, to Thee with In the Secret"
(Arr. Tornquist)

*RESPONSE "Doxology"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness; your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" # 628

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE