

***Offertory Response #46**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Thank you, generous God of grace, for pouring your love and abundance so freely upon us. Pour this same love and abundance upon the gifts we now return to you that they may become signs of grace and instruments of love in your world. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #272**

The Church's One Foundation

***Benediction**

Found by God,
we go now to help others find their way.
Loved by Christ,
we go now to share Christ's love with the world.
Blessed by the Spirit,
we go now to bless others with mercy and grace.

***Postlude**

Pastors

***Rev. JD Rose
Rev. Lynn Oliver Marino
Rev. Dr. Thomas Webster***

Musicians

***Katie Maurer, Susan Walter,
Ron Christian, Sara Miller Kaufman,
Rick Hobbs***

***St. Paul's
United Church of Christ
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Zion Evangelical
United Church of Christ***



***April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter***

Ringing of the Church Bells

Prelude "Jesus Shall Reign" Combined Bell Choir

Welcome

*Congregational Welcome "No Matter" (Refrain)

No Matter who, no matter what, no matter where you are on the journey of life; you're welcome, welcome in this place.

No matter who, no matter what, no matter where you are on the journey of life; accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

*Responsive Call to Worship

One: We are here not because we have found God, but because God, our Creator, has called us here,

Many: *Challenging us to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, and to be servants in the service of the whole human family.*

One: But the call is also God's promise:

Many: *A promise of forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, and eternal life in that realm which has no end.*

All: *Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto God!*

*Opening Hymn #4 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

*Unison Prayer

Holy God, we thank you that you receive us not according to our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. You receive us as we are. You show us what we can be. You have come to us in Jesus Christ to share our common lot and reconcile us to yourself. Sweep over us with your Spirit, change us by your love, that we may sing with joy before you, and live to your glory in the world. Amen.

*Response # 15 "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart" verse 5

Praise God who rules all worlds; the risen Christ adore.
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire,
one God forever more!

Refrain: Re-joyce, (Re-joyce), re-joyce, (re-joyce), re-joyce,
give thanks and sing.

Scripture Readings Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Special Music Kerri Blanford, soloist

Sermon "Trust the Catcher" Pastor Lynn Marino

Invitation to Prayer #305 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (2x)

Morning Prayer

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer 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.

Reflections on our Time Together Lynn, JD, Terry, Bill

The Presentation of Our Gifts

Offering Invitation