

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas  
Online Worship  
April 25, 2021

**PRELUDE** "In Christ Alone" – arr. Larry Shackley Adam Peithmann

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Kevin Pleas

**INTROIT** "I Am the Light of the World!" (#469)

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

**Leader:** Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**People:** **For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

**Leader:** God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**People:** **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

## OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN # 100** "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** Sue Clement

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Barbara Papagian

## TIME OF SILENCE

## OUR 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.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Standing in the Need of Prayer" (# 579)

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Be Thou My Vision" Abby Curtis

**SCRIPTURE READING** Liz Verity

Luke 4:14-21 (New Revised Standard Version)

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has

anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

"Fulfilled in Your Hearing"

Rev. Kevin Pleas

**HYMN # 632**

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

**CLOSING WORDS**

**BENEDICTION (Unison)**

**May the love of the cross,  
The power of the resurrection,  
And the presence of the Living Lord,  
Be with you always.  
And the blessing of the Eternal God,  
Creator and Sustainer,  
Risen Lord and Savior,  
Giver of holiness and love,  
Be upon you now and evermore.  
Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" – arr. Joel Raney

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**Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.**

**Introit: Hymn no. 469**

**“I Am the Light of the World!”**

“I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!”

If you follow and love you’ll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

1. When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the magi and the shepherds have found their way home, the work of Christmas is begun:
2. To find the lost and lonely one, to heal the broken soul with love, to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food, to feel the earth below, the sky above!
3. To free the pris’ner from all chains, to make the powerful care, to rebuild the nations strength of good will, to see God’s children ev’rywhere!
4. To bring hope to ev’ry task you do, to dance at a baby’s new birth, to make music in an old person’s heart, and sing to the colors of the earth!

**Opening Hymn no. 100**

**“When Morning Gilds the Skies”**

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised!
2. Discordant humankind, in this your concord find, may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound, may Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face; may Jesus Christ be praised! God’s whole creation o’er, both now and evermore: may Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine; may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this eternal song, through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

**Prayer Response: Hymn no. 579**

**“Standing in the Need of Prayer”**

**Refrain**

It’s me (it’s me), it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It’s me (it’s me), it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

1. Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
2. Not the preacher, not the teacher, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not the preacher, not the teacher, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
3. Not my father, not my mother, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my father, not my mother, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

4. Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

**Closing Hymn no. 632**

**“Lead On, O King Eternal”**

1. Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home; through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy, the heavenly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears; thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.